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GEN. HORACE PORTER.

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is a son of David R. Porter and grandson of Gen. Andrew Porter.

Andrew Porter was born at Worcester, Pa., September 24, 1743. His later school days were devoted principally to the study of mathematics, for which he possessed a peculiar aptitude. He gained a reputation by superior knowledge of the higher branches of that science and his ability as an astronomer; and he became the associate of such men as Doctors Rittenhouse, Erwin and Rush and other distinguished scientists. He opened a scientific school in Philadelphia and conducted it with marked success until the American Revolution, when he promptly tendered his services in the cause of the Colonies. On the 19th of June, 1776, he was commissioned by Congress a Captain of Marines. Not finding this service sufficiently active, he succeeded shortly afterwards in obtaining a transfer to the artillery, a corps in which, by reason of his scientific attainments he was qualified to be eminently useful. At the Battle of Princeton, his soldierly ability and conspicuous gallantry attracted the attention of General Washington, who complimented him in person for his meritorious conduct in that engagement. At the Battle of Germantown, he held his position upon the field against great odds and by his personal example and soldierly qualities succeeded in continuing the fight until nearly all of his command were either killed or taken prisoners. At the battles of Trenton and Brandywine and in Sullivan's campaign against the Indians, his conduct brought him into prominence, and, for his distinguished services, he was promoted successively to the rank of Major, Lieutenant Colonel, Lieutenant Colonel Commandant, and Colonel of the

Fourth, known as the Pennsylvania, Regiment of Artillery. His scientific acquirements were utilized by General Washington with much success in improving the method of preparing ammunition and other material at the siege of Yorktown. In Sullivan's campaign against the Indians in 1779, it was Colonel Porter who suggested and carried out the plan of damming the outlet of Otsego Lake in New York, so as to produce a draught of water sufficient to enable General Clinton to move his troops and material rapidly and conveniently, by boats, to join General Sullivan, previous to the successful battle of the 29th of August of that year. Colonel Porter was appointed Brigadier General and later Major General of the Militia of the State of Pennsylvania. He declined a professorship of mathematics in the University of Pennsylvania to become a commissioner in company with Dr. Rittenhouse, Bishop Madison, Dr. Ewing, General Clinton and other men of science, who were charged with running, by astronomical observations, the lines between Pennsylvania and Virginia, Ohio and New York. During the years 1812 and 1813, he declined the posititions of Brigadier General in the Regular Army and Secretary of War, which were offered to him by President Madison. His advanced age and infirmities, brought about by long service in the field, he felt, would prevent the execution of the duties of these positions with the efficiency which the public good and his own character required.

His son, David R. Porter, served for a number of years in the Senate of Pennsylvania and was twice Governor of the State.

The youngest son of David R. Porter, General Horace Porter, was graduated from the West Point Military Academy in 1860. He served in the Union forces in the field during the Civil War, and, during the four years of that great struggle, rose through every grade of the Regular Army up to that of Brevet Brigadier General. He was brevetted on six different occasions for "gallant and meritorious services." He served during the latter part of the war upon General Grant's staff and as his Private Secretary when President. Since the war he has

become conspicuous by his management of important and successful business enterprises and by the display of marked abilities in the field of literature and oratory. He is Commander of the New York Commandery of the Loyal Legion; Commander of George Washington Post, Grand Army of the Republic; ex-President of the Society of the Army of the Potomac; President of the Union League Club and of the Grant Monument Association; Vice President of the New York Chamber of Commerce, and an honorary member of a number of historical, literary and other societies. In 1894, he received the degree of LL. D., from Union College.

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Elected at the Congress held in New York City, April 30, 1889.

DR. WILLIAM SEWARD WEBB, of Vermont,

Elected at the Congress held in Louisville, April 30, 1890, and re-elected at the Congress held in Hartford, April 30, 1891.

Honorary Past Presidents General.

COL. A. S. HUBBARD, Past President California Society.

Made Honorary Past President General by unanimous vote of the Congress held in Louisville, April 30, 1891.

GEN. ALBERT M. WINN, Past President California Society.

Made Honorary Past President General by vote of the Congress held in New York City, April 30, 1892.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION.

[*As amended at the Congress of the National Society, at Washington, D. C., April 30, 1894.*

ARTICLE I.—NAME.

The name of this Society shall be "THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION."

ARTICLE II.—OBJECTS.

The objects of this Society shall be to perpetuate the memory of the men who, by their services or sacrifices during the war of the American Revolution, achieved the independence of the American people; to unite and promote fellowship among their descendants; to inspire them and the community at large with a more profound reverence for the principles of the government founded by our forefathers; to encourage historical research in relation to the American Revolution; to acquire and preserve the records of the individual services of the patriots of the war, as well as documents, relics and landmarks; to mark the scenes of the Revolution by appropriate memorials; to celebrate the anniversaries of the prominent events of the war; to foster true patriotism; to maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom; and to carry out the purposes expressed in the Preamble to the Constitution of our Country and the injunctions of Washington in his farewell address to the American people.

ARTICLE III.—MEMBERSHIP.

SECTION 1. Any man shall be eligible to membership in this Society, who, being of the age of twenty-one years or over, and a citizen of good repute in the community, is the lineal descendant of an ancestor, who was at all times unfailing in his loyalty to and rendered actual service in the cause of American Independence, either as an officer, soldier, seaman, marine, militiaman or minute man, in the armed forces of the Continental Congress or of any one of the several Colonies or States; or as a signer of the Declaration of Independence; or as a member of a Committee of Safety or Correspondence; or as a member of any Continental, Provincial, or Colonial Congress or Legislature; or as a civil officer, either of one of the Colonies or States or of the national government; or as a recognized patriot who performed actual service by overt acts of resistance to the authority of Great Britain.

SECTION 2. Applications for membership shall be made to any State Society, in duplicate, upon blank forms prescribed by the General Board of Managers, and shall in each case set forth the name, occupation and residence of the applicant,

line of descent, and the name, residence and services of his ancestor or ancestors in the Revolution, from whom he derives eligibility. The applicant shall make oath that the statements of his application are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief. Upon the approval of an application by the State Society, to which it is made, one copy shall be transmitted to the Registrar General of the National Society, who shall examine further the eligibility of the applicant. If satisfied that the member is not eligible, he shall return the application for correction. And in case of such return the State Society shall on failure to satisfy the Registrar General of the eligibility of such applicant, drop his name from membership.

SECTION 3. The official designation of the members of the Society of the Sons of the American Revolution shall be "Compatriots."

ARTICLE IV.—NATIONAL AND STATE SOCIETIES.

SECTION 1. The National Society shall embrace all the members of the State Societies of the Sons of the American Revolution, now existing, or which may hereafter be established under this Constitution.

SECTION 2. Whenever in any State or Territory, in which a State Society does not exist, or in which a State Society has become inactive or failed for two years to pay its annual dues to the National Society, fifteen or more persons duly qualified for membership in this Society may associate themselves as a State Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, and organize in accordance with this Constitution, they may be admitted by the General Board of Managers to the National Society as "The ——— Society of the Sons of the American Revolution," and shall thereafter have exclusive local jurisdiction in the State or Territory or in the District in which they are organized, subject to the provisions of this Constitution; but this provision shall not be construed so as to exclude the admission of members living in other States.

SECTION 3. Each State Society shall judge of the qualifications of its members and of those proposed for membership, subject to the provisions of this Constitution, and shall regulate all matters pertaining to its own affairs. It shall have authority to establish local chapters within its own jurisdiction and to endow the chapters with such power as it may deem proper, not inconsistent with this Constitution. It shall have authority, after due notice and impartial trial, to expel any member, who, by conduct unbecoming a gentleman, shall render himself unworthy to remain a member of the Society.

SECTION 4. Each State Society shall submit to the Annual Congress of the National Society a report, setting forth by name the additions, transfers and deaths, and any other changes in the membership and progress of the State Society during the preceding year, and make such suggestions, as it shall deem proper, for the promotion of the objects of the whole order.

SECTION 5. Whenever a member, in good standing in his Society, changes his residence from the jurisdiction of the State Society of which he is a member, to that of another, he shall be entitled, if he so elects, to a certificate of honorable dismission from his own State Society, in order that he may be transferred to the State Society to whose jurisdiction he has changed his residence; provided, that his membership shall continue in the former until he shall have been elected a member of the latter. Each State Society shall, however, retain full control of the admission of members by transfer.

SECTION 6. Whenever the word "State" occurs in this Constitution, it shall be held to include within its meaning the District of Columbia and the Territories of the United States.

SECTION 7. A Society may be formed in any foreign country by fifteen or more persons who are eligible to membership under this Constitution, which shall bear the same relation to the National organization as a State Society, subject to the provisions of this Constitution.

ARTICLE V.—OFFICERS AND MANAGERS.

SECTION 1. The General Officers of the National Society shall be a President General, five Vice Presidents General, a Secretary General, Treasurer General, Registrar General, Historian General, and Chaplain General, who shall be elected by ballot by a vote of a majority of the members present at the annual meeting of the Congress of the National Society and shall hold office for one year and until their successors are elected.

SECTION 2. The General Officers, together with the Presidents of the State Societies *ex-officio*, shall constitute the General Board of Managers of the National Society, which Board shall have authority to adopt and promulgate the By-Laws of the National Society, to prescribe the duties of the General Officers, to provide the seal, to designate and make regulations for the issue of the insignia, and to transact the general business of the National Society during the intervals between the sessions of the Congress. Meetings of the General Board may be held, after not less than ten days' notice, at the call of the President General, or, in case of his absence or inability, at the call of the Senior Vice President General, certified by the Secretary General. Meetings shall be called at the request of seven members. At all such meetings seven shall constitute a quorum.

SECTION 3. An Executive Committee of seven, of whom the President General shall be Chairman, may be elected by the Board of Managers, which Committee shall, in the interim between the meetings of the Board, transact such business as may be delegated to it by the Board of Managers.

ARTICLE VI.—DUES.

Each State Society shall pay annually to the Treasurer General, to defray the expenses of the National Society, twenty-five cents for each active member thereof, unless intermitted by the National Congress, provided that the National Board of Management may increase said dues at any time, not to exceed fifty cents in all, by a two-thirds vote, when the necessities of the National Society so demand. All such dues shall be paid on or before the first day of April in each year for the ensuing year, in order to secure representation in the Congress of the National Society.

ARTICLE VII.—MEETINGS AND ELECTIONS.

SECTION 1. The annual Congress of the National Society for the election of the General Officers and for the transaction of business, shall be held on the 30th day of April or on the first day of May, in every year. The time, hour and place of such meeting shall be designated by the Board of Managers.

SECTION 2. Special meetings of the Congress may be called by the President General, and shall be called by him when directed so to do by the Board of Man-

agers or whenever requested in writing so to do by at least five State Societies, on giving thirty days' notice, specifying the time and place of such meeting and the business to be transacted.

SECTION 3. The following shall be members of all such annual or special meetings of the Congress, and shall be entitled to vote therein:

(1) All the officers and the ex-President General of the National Society.

(2) The President and Senior Vice President of each State Society.

(3) One delegate at large from each State Society.

(4) One delegate for every one hundred members of the Society within a State and for a fraction of fifty or over.

ARTICLE VIII.—AMENDMENTS.

This Constitution may be altered or amended at any meeting of the Congress of the National Society, provided that sixty days' notice of the proposed alterations or amendments, which shall first have been recommended by a State Society, shall be sent by the Secretary General to the President of each State Society. A vote of two thirds of those present shall be necessary to their adoption.

BY-LAWS

OF THE

NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION.

ARTICLE I.—ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

All nominations of officers shall be made from the floor, and the election shall be by ballot. A majority shall elect. The nominations may be acted upon directly, or may be referred to a committee to examine and report.

ARTICLE II.—OFFICERS.

The duties of the general officers shall be such as usually appertain to their offices, and they shall have such other duties as are hereinafter imposed. They shall report at the annual meeting and at such other times as they may be required to do by the General Board of Managers.

ARTICLE III.—PRESIDENT GENERAL.

SECTION 1. The President General, in addition to his general duties, shall be *ex-officio* chairman of the General Board of Managers and of the Executive Committee and a member of every other committee.

SECTION 2. At each annual meeting he shall appoint the following Standing Committees:

Committee on Auditing,
" " Correspondence,
" " Credentials,
" " Finance,
" " Organization,
" " Unfinished Business.

The duties of the above committees shall be such as usually pertain to committees of like character, and such as may be defined by the Board of Managers.

ARTICLE IV.—VICE PRESIDENT GENERAL.

SECTION 1. In the absence of the President General, the senior Vice President General present shall preside at the Annual Meeting.

SECTION 2. In the prolonged absence or inability to act of the President General, the executive authority shall be vested in the Vice President General first in order of precedence.

ARTICLE V.—SECRETARY GENERAL.

The Secretary General, in addition to his general duties, shall have charge of the seal, give due notice of all meetings of the National Society or General Board of Managers, of which he shall be *ex-officio* a member. He shall give due notice to all general officers and State Societies of all votes, orders, and proceedings affecting or appertaining to their duties. He shall distribute all pamphlets, circulars, rosettes and supplies, as directed by the General Board of Managers.

ARTICLE VI.—TREASURER GENERAL.

SECTION 1. The Treasurer General, shall collect and receive the funds and securities of the National Society. He shall deposit the same to the credit of the "Sons of the American Revolution," and shall draw them thence for the use of the National Society, as directed by it or by the General Board of Managers, upon the order of the President General, countersigned by the Secretary General. His accounts shall be audited by a committee to be appointed at the Annual Meeting.

SECTION 2. He shall, if so required by the General Board of Managers or the Executive Committee, give bonds for the safe custody and application of the funds.

ARTICLE VII.—REGISTRAR GENERAL.

The Registrar General shall keep a Register of the names and dates of the election, resignation or death of all members of the several State Societies, and shall have the care and custody of all duplicate applications for membership. He shall issue, upon the requisition of the Secretary or Registrar of the several State Societies, certificates of membership and insignia to every member entitled thereto, through such Secretary or Registrar.

ARTICLE VIII.—HISTORIAN GENERAL.

The Historian General shall have the custody of all the historical and biographical collection of which the National Society may become possessed, and shall catalogue and arrange the same, and shall place the same in a fireproof repository for preservation.

ARTICLE IX.—CHAPLAIN GENERAL.

The Chaplain General shall be a regularly ordained minister, and shall open and close all general meetings of the National Society with the services usual and proper on such occasions.

ARTICLE X.—STATE SOCIETIES.

Every State Society shall

(1) Notify the Secretary General of the election and appointment of all officers and delegates.

(2) Pay to the Treasurer General on the first day of March, or within sixty days thereafter, the sum of twenty five cents for each active member thereof.

(3) Transmit to the Registrar General duplicate applications of all accepted members, and notify him of the resignation or death of all members thereof.

ARTICLE XI.—GENERAL BOARD OF MANAGERS.

SECTION 1. The General Board of Managers shall prepare and carry out plans for promoting the objects and growth of the Society; shall generally superintend its interests, and shall execute such other duties as shall be committed to it at any meeting of the National Society. It shall have charge of the printing of the Diploma and the manufacturing of the Insignia, and shall determine the price at which the same shall be issued.

SECTION 2. It shall have authority to admit or re-organize as a State Society any association of fourteen or more persons duly qualified for membership in the Society.

SECTION 3. It shall have power to fill any vacancy occurring among the general officers, and an officer so elected shall act until the following annual election and until his successor shall be elected.

SECTION 4. It shall have authority to make, alter, and amend the By-Laws as hereinafter provided.

SECTION 5. The President General may call meetings of the General Board of Managers at any time he may deem necessary, and shall call such meeting upon the written request of any five members thereof, provided that not less than five days' notice of the time and place of such meeting shall be given.

ARTICLE XII.—EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The President General may call a meeting of the Executive Committee at any time, and shall call such meeting on the written request of three members thereof.

ARTICLE XIII.—SEAL.

The seal of the Society shall be two and three-eighths of an inch in diameter, charged with the figure of a minute-man, grasping a musket in his right hand, and surrounded by a constellation of thirteen stars, who shall be depicted in the habit of a husbandman of the period of the American Revolution, and as in the act of deserting the plough for the service of his country; the whole encircled by a band three-eighths of an inch wide, within which shall appear the legend, "NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, organized April 30, 1889."

ARTICLE XIV.—CERTIFICATES.

All members of the Society, wherever admitted, shall be entitled to a certificate of membership duly attested by the President General, Secretary General and Registrar General, countersigned by the President, Secretary, and Registrar of the State Society to which such member shall have been admitted.

ARTICLE XV.—INSIGNIA.

The insignia of the Society shall comprise (1) a cross surmounted by an eagle in gold, (2) a rosette.

SECTION 1. The cross shall be of silver, with four arms, covered with white enamel and eight gold points, same size as Chevaliers' Cross of the Legion of

Honor of France, with a gold medallion in the centre, bearing on the obverse a bust of Washington in profile, and on the reverse, the figure of a minute-man, surrounded by a ribbon enamelled blue, with the motto: "Libertas et Patria" on the obverse, and the legend, "SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION," on the reverse, both in letters of gold. The cross shall be surmounted by an eagle in gold, and the whole decoration suspended from a ring of gold by a ribbon of deep blue with white edges, and may be worn by any member of the Society on ceremonial occasions only, and shall be carried on the left breast, or, if an officer, at the collar.

SECTION 2. The rosette shall be seven-sixteenths of an inch in diameter, of usual pattern, displaying the colors of the Society, and may be worn by all members at discretion in the upper left hand button hole of the coat.

ARTICLE XVI.—INDEBTEDNESS.

No debts shall be contracted on behalf of the National Society. Every obligation for the payment of money, except checks drawn against deposits, executed in the name or on behalf of the National Society shall be null and void.

ARTICLE XVII.—AMENDMENTS.

These By-Laws may be altered or amended by a vote of three-fourths of the members present at any meeting of the General Board of Managers, notice thereof having been given at a previous meeting.

Arkansas Society.

45 MEMBERS.

Organized February 11th, 1890. Annual meeting the first Wednesday of January.

LIST OF OFFICERS:

President, Sam. W. Williams, . . . Little Rock.
Vice-President, R. A. Edgerton, . . Little Rock.
Secretary and Registrar, Josiah H. Shinn, . Little Rock.
Historian, Fay Hempstead, . . . Little Rock.
Treasurer, George F. Rozelle, . . . Little Rock.

Board of Managers:

Sam. W. Williams, Fay Hempstead, J. D. Washburn,
R. A. Edgerton, George F. Rozelle, Josiah H. Shinn,
D. W. Carroll.

CONSTITUTION OF THE ARKANSAS SOCIETY.

ARTICLE I.

The name of this Society shall be the ARKANSAS SOCIETY OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION.

ARTICLE II.

The Society shall be perpetual.

ARTICLE III.

The purpose of this Society is to keep alive among ourselves and our descendants the patriotic spirit of the men who, in military, naval or civil service, by their acts or counsel, achieved American Independence; to collect rolls, records and other documents relating to the War of the Revolution; and to promote social intercourse and good feeling among its members now and hereafter.

ARTICLE IV.

Any person shall be eligible for membership in the Society who is above the age of twenty-one (21) years, or in the case of ladies eighteen (18) years, resident in or a citizen of Arkansas, and who is descended from an ancestor who, either as a military or naval officer, soldier, sailor, or as an official or recognized subordinate in the service of any one of the thirteen original Colonies or States, or of the National Government representing or composed of those Colonies or States, assisted in establishing American Independence during the War of the Revolution, and who shall be recommended by two members of the Society; and no person other than such shall be eligible to membership in the Society.

ARTICLE V.

The officers of the Society shall be a President, Vice President, a Secretary, a Registrar, a Treasurer, an Historian, a Delegate at Large, and a Delegate to the National Society for each 100 or fraction of 100 exceeding fifty members; provided that each Society shall be entitled to at least one Delegate at Large and one Delegate; and a Board of Managers, consisting of those officers, *ex-officio*, and two other members.

ARTICLE VI.

This Constitution may be altered, amended or repealed by a vote of three-fourths of the members of the Society present at a regular meeting.

BY-LAWS OF THE ARKANSAS SOCIETY.

1. The meetings of this Society shall be held on the first Wednesday in January; on the 22d of February (Washington's birthday); on the 19th day of April (anniversary of the battle of Lexington); on the 4th of July; and on the 19th of October (the anniversary of the surrender at Yorktown), in each year; or, if any of these dates shall fall on Sunday, then the celebration shall be held on the Saturday preceding, at the hour of 4 o'clock p. m., unless a different hour is at any time appointed by the Society. Special meetings may be called by the President or by a majority of the Board of Managers. At said meetings three members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

2. At the January meeting officers of the Society, as provided in the Constition, shall be elected by ballot on nomination, and who shall hold their offices for one year, or until their successors are elected. At said meetings such exercises shall be held as the Society or the Board of Managers may from time to time determine.

3. The dues of members shall be one dollar per annum, payable to the Secretary. Any member who shall be in arrears for the period of one year for a year's dues shall be dropped from the roll, but shall be restored again, without action of the Society, upon payment of the dues for which he was dropped.

4. Any person entitled thereto desiring to become a member of this Society, shall present an application therefor in writing, stating his lineage and descent from some one of the persons named in Article IV. of the Constitution. A ballot shall be had on such application either when presented or at any subsequent regular meeting, and on such ballot a majority of the votes cast shall be sufficient to elect. The lineage as given in such application, or any further lineage given by the applicant, shall be recorded by the Registrar. Applications for membership may also be made to the Board of Managers between the times of meetings of this Society, and the same may be acted on by a majority of said board at any meeting of said board.

5. The order of business at regular meetings shall be as follows:

1. Reading minutes of previous meeting.
2. Proposal and election of members.
3. Receiving reports from committees.
4. General and miscellaneous business, including at the January meeting election of officers.
5. Appointed exercises.

6. The President of this Society shall preside at all times when present; in his absence the Vice President shall preside. The Secretary shall attend to the correspondence and general business of the Society, and shall record the minutes of the proceedings, and pay to the Treasurer all dues of members paid to him. The Registrar shall record in a book kept for that purpose the lineage and descent of all members of the association as the same may be furnished him, and at the January meeting in each year shall read to the Society a list of all living members of the Society, with their residences. He shall safely preserve all rolls, maps, books, documents or other matters belonging to the Society. The Historian shall present to the Society from time to time such historic matters pertaining to the War of the Revolution, or participants therein, as may seem appropriate. The Treasurer shall keep the funds of the Society and pay the same out only on the warrant of the Secretary, keeping in a book provided for the purpose an account as to dues with each member. It shall be the duty of the Delegates to attend general conventions of the National Association, and if unable to do so they may give proxies, or the President may appoint alternates for them. The Board of Managers shall have power from time to time to direct the course and proceedings of the Society as to them may seem fit. In case of the death, resignation, disability or removal from the State of any officer of the Society, the President shall have power to appoint his successor to hold until the next annual election.

7. Ladies may become members of this Society without the payment of dues, if otherwise entitled under the Constitution.

8. These By-Laws may be altered or amended by the vote of a majority of the members present at any regular meeting.

California Society.

111 MEMBERS.

Organized October 22d, 1875. Annual meeting, February 22d, to commemorate George Washington's Birthday.

LIST OF OFFICERS:

President, Lieut. Col. Edward Hunter, U. S. A., San Francisco.
S. V. President, E. W. McKinstry, . . . San Francisco.
J. V. President, Sidney Mason Smith, . . San Francisco.
Secretary, Edwin Bonnell, ... San Francisco.
Treasurer, Charles H. Warner, ... San Francisco.
Registrar, Col. A. S. Hubbard, ... San Francisco.

Board of Managers:

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE CALIFORNIA SOCIETY.

PREAMBLE.

CALIFORNIA SOCIETY OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION. Instituted October 22d, 1875. The first body in inception, institution and organization to unite the descendants of Revolutionary patriots and perpetuate the memory of *all* those who took part in the American Revolution and maintained the Independence of the United States of America. It was fully and completely organized on the 4th of July, 1876, under the name of "SONS OF REVOLUTIONARY SIRES." On the 30th of April, 1889, a number of similar co-equal Societies of different States formed a general Society under the name of "THE NATIONAL

Society of the Sons of the American Revolution," in which movement this Society heartily co-operated and changed its name to The California Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, under which latter name it has been since known.

CONSTITUTION OF THE CALIFORNIA SOCIETY.

ARTICLE I.—NAME.

Section 1. The name of this Society is "The California Society of the Sons of the American Revolution."

ARTICLE II.—OBJECTS.

Section 1. The objects of this Society shall be to unite and promote fellowship among the descendants, and perpetuate the memory of the men who, by their services or sacrifices during the War of the American Revolution, achieved the Independence of the American people; to inspire among the members of the Society and the community at large a more profound reverence for the principles of the government founded by our forefathers; to encourage historical research in relation to the American Revolution; to acquire and preserve the records of the individual services of Revolutionary patriots and documents, relics and landmarks connected with the War; to mark the scenes of the Revolution by appropriate memorials; to celebrate the anniversary of the prominent events of the War; to maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom; and to carry out the injunctions of Washington in his farewell address to the American people.

ARTICLE III.—MEMBERSHIP.

Section 1. Any man shall be eligible to membership in this Society, who, being of the age of 21 years or over, and a citizen of good repute in the community, is the lineal descendant of an ancestor, who, while at all times unfailing in his loyalty, rendered actual service in the cause of American Independence, either as an officer, soldier, seaman marine, militiaman or minute man, in the armed forces of the Continental Congress or of any one of the several Colonies or States; or as a signer of the Declaration of Independence; or as a member of a Committee of Safety or Correspondence; or as a member of any Continental, Provincial or Colonial Congress or Legislature; or as a civil officer, either of one of the Colonies or States, or of the National Government; or as a recognized patriot, who performed actual service by overt acts of rebellion against the authority of Great Britain.

ARTICLE IV.—OFFICERS.

Section 1. The officers of the Society shall be a President, a Senior Vice President, a Junior Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, a Registrar, a Marshal, and a Board of Managers consisting of the above mentioned and six other members, who shall be elected by a vote of the majority of the members present at the annual meeting of the Society, and who shall hold office for one year, or until their successors shall be elected.

SECTION 2. Delegates and alternates to the Congress of the National Society shall be elected at the same meeting.

ARTICLE V.—MEETINGS.

SECTION 1. The regular meetings of the Society shall be held at noon on the 22d day of February, the anniversary of the birth of George Washington; on the 19th of April, the anniversary of the Battle of Lexington; on the 4th of July, the anniversary of the Declaration of Independence; on the 3d of September, the anniversary of the Treaty of Peace with Great Britain; and on the 19th of October, the anniversary of the Surrender of Yorktown; except when either of these dates shall fall on Sunday, in which case the meeting shall be held on the following day.

SECTION 2. The meeting of the 22d of February shall be the annual meeting.

SECTION 3. Special meetings may be called by the President or Board of Managers at any time.

SECTION 4. The President shall call a special meeting whenever requested in writing to do so by five or more members.

SECTION 5. General business may be transacted at any special meeting.

ARTICLE VI.—AMENDMENTS.

SECTION 1. Amendments to this Constitution may be offered at any meeting of the Society, but shall not be acted on until the next meeting.

SECTION 2. A copy of every proposed amendment shall be sent to each member, with a notice of the meeting at which the same is to be acted on, at least one week prior to said meeting.

SECTION 3. A vote of two-thirds of those present shall be necessary to the adoption of any amendment.

BY-LAWS OF THE CALIFORNIA SOCIETY.

SECTION 1. All applications for membership in this Society shall be made in duplicate, on blank forms furnished by the National Society; and each application shall be accompanied by five dollars ($5.00), being the membership fee and the dues for the current Society year within which the application is presented, which shall be returned if the applicant is not accepted.

SECTION 2. No application for membership shall be received wherein the applicant does not clearly establish direct lineal descent from an ancestor who participated in establishing American Independence, as required by Article III. of the Constitution.

SECTION 3. Applications for membership shall be received by the Secretary, submitted to the Registrar for examination, and shall be reported by the latter to the Board of Managers for action. When approved by said board, the applicant shall become a member of the Society. One copy of each application shall be retained by the Registrar for preservation, and the duplicate forwarded to the Registrar General of the National Society.

SECTION 4—1. The membership fee shall be two dollars, and the yearly dues shall be three dollars. The payment of fifty dollars by a member at any one time, or the payment of annual dues for thirty consecutive years, shall constitute the person paying such sum a life member, and he shall thereafter be exempt from the payment of annual dues.

2. Annual dues shall be paid to the Secretary on or before the 22d day of February in each year, and non-payment of dues for two successive years shall be regarded as terminating the membership of the delinquent.

3. In extreme cases, the Board of Managers may, by vote, remit the unpaid annual dues of a delinquent member.

4. Members dropped for non-payment of dues may be restored to full membership by payment of such sums as were in arrears at the time of the termination of the membership, provided there are no charges unbecoming a gentleman recorded against him remaining undetermined or determined finally against him.

SECTION 5. Sons of those who actually participated in the War of the Revolution, and thereby assisted in establishing American Independence, as referred to in Article III. of the Constitution, may be admitted to full membership in this Society without payment of membership fee or yearly dues, they having complied with all the other requirements of those belonging to a later generation.

SECTION 6. Honorary membership may be conferred upon the Governor and ex-Governors of the State of California, and upon distinguished individuals for services rendered in the army or navy of the United States, or for contributions to the Society, who shall not be subject to dues or entitled to vote or hold office, but may take part in debate and be entitled to the honors of re-unions and celebrations, provided they are eligible to membership in the Society.

SECTION 7. The President, or in his absence the Senior Vice President, or in his absence the Junior Vice President, or in his absence a Chairman *pro tempore* shall preside at all meetings of the Society, and of the Board of Managers. He shall enforce a strict observance of the Constitution and By-Laws and perform such other duties as custom and parliamentary usage may require.

SECTION 8—1. The secretary shall receive all moneys from the members and pay them over to the Treasurer, taking his receipt for the same. He shall conduct the general correspondence of the Society, shall have charge of the Seal, Certificate of Incorporation, By-Laws and Records, and, together with the presiding officer, shall certify all acts of the Society.

2. He shall keep fair and accurate records of all proceedings and orders of the Society, and shall give notice to the several officers of all votes, orders, resolves or proceedings affecting them or appertaining to their respective duties.

3. He shall notify all members of their election, and shall, under the direction of the President, give due notice of the time and place of all meetings of the Society and attend the same.

4. He shall keep a true account of his receipts and payments, and of the accounts of the members with the Society, and at each annual meeting shall report the same; at which time a committee shall be appointed to audit his accounts.

SECTION 9. The Treasurer shall receive from the Secretary all moneys belonging to the Society, giving his receipt for the same; these funds shall be deposited in a reliable Bank or Savings Institution in the City of San Francisco, to the credit of "The California Society of the Sons of the American Revolution," and shall be drawn thence on the check of the Treasurer for the use of the Society only, as directed by vote of the Society or by the Board of Managers, upon the order of the Secretary and the certificate of the President. He shall keep a true account of his receipts and payments, and at each annual meeting shall report the same, at which time a committee shall be appointed to audit his accounts.

SECTION 10—1. The Registrar shall keep a roll of members, and in his hands shall be lodged all proofs of membership qualification, and the historical and genealogical papers—manuscript or otherwise—of which the Society may become possessed; and under the direction of the Board of Managers, shall keep copies of such similar documents as the owners thereof may not be willing to leave permanently in the keeping of the Society. He shall receive all applications for membership and proofs of membership qualifications from the Secretary, shall carefully scrutinize and verify all statements of the Revolutionary services of ancestors, that they may be made in the applications, and shall report his findings in each case to the Board of Managers.

2. The Registrar shall, if practical, be some person connected with the California Historical Society.

SECTION 11—1. The Board of Managers shall consist of thirteen members, viz.: the President, Senior and Junior Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar, Marshall, *ex-officio*, and six others, elected as provided by the Constitution.

2. They shall judge of the qualifications of the candidates for admission to the Society and elect the same, two negative votes rejecting the applicant.

3. They shall recommend plans for promoting the objects of the Society, shall digest and prepare business, and shall authorize the disbursement and expenditure of unappropriated money in the treasury for the payment of current expenses of the Society. They shall generally superintend the interests of the Society, and perform all such duties as may be committed to them by the Society.

4. They shall have power to fill any vacancy occurring or existing in the Society, and an officer so appointed shall act until the following annual election, or until his successor shall be chosen.

5. At each annual meeting of the Society the Board shall make a general report.

6. At all meetings of the Board of Managers, five or more shall be sufficient for the transaction of business.

SECTION 12. The seal of this Society shall be the same as that of the "National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, organized April 30, 1889," with the addition of an inner circle, three-sixteenths of an inch wide, bearing the following legend, "California Society, S. A. R., organized July 4, 1876."

SECTION 13. No alteration or amendment of the By-Laws of this Society shall be made unless openly proposed at a previous meeting and entered in the minutes with the name of the member proposing the same, and shall be adopted by a majority of the members present at a meeting of the Society.

Connecticut Society.

800 Members.

Organized April 2d, 1889. Annual meeting May 10th, to commemorate the capture of Fort Ticonderoga by a Connecticut expedition.

LIST OF OFFICERS:

President, Jonathan Trumbull, ... Norwich.
Vice President, E. S. Greeley, ... New Haven.
Secretary, Charles C. Cooley, ... Hartford.
Treasurer, John C. Hollister, ... New Haven.
Registrar, Frank B. Gay, ... Hartford.
Historian, Joseph G. Woodward, ... Hartford.
Chaplain, Rev. E. S. Lines, ... New Haven.

Board of Managers:

Hobart L. Hotchkiss, ... New Haven.
Edgar J. Doolittle, ... Meriden.
Everett E. Lord, ... New Haven.
William E. Chandler, ... New Haven.
Zalmon Goodsell, ... Bridgeport.
Rowland B. Lacey, ... Bridgeport.
Dr. Rufus W. Griswold, ... Rocky Hill.
Henry R. Jones, ... New Hartford.
Jonathan F. Morris, ... Hartford.
Franklin H. Hart, ... New Haven.
Frank T. Maxwell, ... Rockville.
Frank Farnsworth Starr, ... Middletown.
Loren A. Gallup, ... Norwich.
Meigs H. Whaples, ... Hartford.
B. Rowland Allen, ... Hartford.

CONSTITUTION OF THE CONNECTICUT SOCIETY.

ARTICLE I.—NAME.

The name of this Society shall be the CONNECTICUT SOCIETY OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION.

ARTICLE II.—NATIONAL SOCIETY.

This Society is a part of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. It recognizes all State Societies of Sons of the American Revolution as co-equal and entitled to receive from this Society such assistance and information as may best promote the objects for which these Societies have been organized.

ARTICLE III.—OBJECTS.

The objects of this Society are to perpetuate the memory and the spirit of the men who achieved American Independence; to encourage historical research in relation to the American Revolution; to preserve documents, relics, and records of the individual services of Revolutionary soldiers and patriots; to mark, by appropriate monuments, historic places within this State; to promote the celebration of patriotic anniversaries, and by these and similar means to impress upon the present and future generations the patriotic spirit which actuated our ancestors and established the Republic of the United States of America.

ARTICLE IV.—MEMBERSHIP.

SECTION 1. Any man resident in Connecticut, and not less than twenty-one years of age, who is descended from an ancestor who with unfailing loyalty rendered material aid to the cause of American Independence in the War of the American Revolution, either as a military or naval officer, sailor, soldier, or official in the service of any of the original thirteen Colonies or States, or Vermont, or as a recognized patriot whose services are of public record, shall be eligible for membership in this Society if found worthy; any man, wherever resident, who is descended from a Connecticut Revolutionary ancestor who performed like service, shall be alike eligible.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

SECTION 2. Women may be admitted as honorary members, subject to the conditions as to age and descent established in the case of active members.

APPLICATIONS.

SECTION 3. All applications for membership in this Society shall be made in duplicate, upon blank forms furnished by the Society. They shall be signed with the full name and address of the applicant, and shall also be signed by at least one member of the Society nominating and recommending the applicant.

ARTICLE V.—OFFICERS.

The officers of this Society shall be a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, a Registrar, an Historian, and a Chaplain, who shall be elected by

ballot for the term of one year, and shall continue in office until their successors are elected and qualified.

ARTICLE VI.—BOARD OF MANAGERS.

SECTION 1. There shall be a Board of Managers whose duty it shall be to conduct the affairs of the Society, which Board shall consist of the officers of this Society, the delegates to the National Society, and fifteen others.

SECTION 2. The Board of Managers shall have power to fill any vacancy occurring among the officers of the Society, the members of the Board, or delegates to the National Society.

ARTICLE VII.—MEETINGS.

SECTION 1. A meeting for the election of officers and the transaction of business shall be held annually, in the City of Hartford, on the 10th day of May (the anniversary of the capture of Fort Ticonderoga by a Connecticut expedition), or, if said day falls on Sunday, then on the following day; and a meeting for social purposes shall be held annually at such a time and place as the Board of Managers may determine. At each annual meeting there shall be elected, in addition to the officers provided for in Article V., fifteen members of the Board of Managers, one delegate at large and one delegate for each one hundred or fraction of one hundred exceeding fifty members; said delegates, together with such officers as are provided for by the Constitution of that body, shall represent this Society in all meetings of the National Society.

SECTION 2. Ten members shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of this Society.

SECTION 3. The hour for holding the annual meeting shall be 12 o'clock—noon—and the time and place for holding any special meeting shall be designated by the Board of Managers.

SECTION 4. Special meetings of the Society shall be called by the President when directed to do so by the Board of Managers, or whenever requested, in writing, by fifteen or more members, on giving fifteen days' notice, specifying the time and place of such meeting and the business to be transacted.

SECTION 5. Special meetings of the Board of Managers may be called by the President at any time, and shall be called upon the request of five members of the Board, made in writing. Five members shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the Board.

SECTION 6. General business may be transacted at any special meeting of the Board of Managers, or of the Society.

ARTICLE VIII.—BRANCHES.—LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS.

SECTION 1. Twenty-five members of this Society residing in any town or county of this State may send a written request to the Board of Managers asking authority to associate as a Branch of this Society in such town or county; and the Board of Managers may grant such request.

NAME.

SECTION 2. Local Branches shall be known as The ——— Branch of the Connecticut Society of Sons of the American Revolution, No.——

OFFICERS.

SECTION 3. Each Branch may have a President, Secretary and Treasurer, and such other officers as the By-Laws of the Branch may determine.

MEMBERS.

SECTION 4. No person shall be admitted into a Branch, as a member, until after his admission into the State Society in the manner provided by the Constitution and Laws of this Society, and until he has paid the annual dues and fees as provided by said Laws. And any member, suspended or expelled, or in any way losing his membership in the State Society, shall thereupon cease to be a member of the Branch.

BY-LAWS.

SECTION 5. Each branch may make by-laws, rules and regulations for its government so long as such by-laws, rules and regulations do not conflict with the Constitution and Laws of this Society, or with the Constitution and Laws of the National Society.

ARTICLE IX.—AMENDMENTS.

This Constitution may be amended or repealed, provided written resolutions to that effect are first presented to, and approved by, a majority of the Board of Managers present at any meeting of said Board ; provided, said amendments are subsequently approved by a majority of the members present at any meeting of the Society ; and, provided further, that whenever this Constitution is to be amended, repealed or in any way changed, notice thereof, specifying said changes in full, shall be sent to each member of the Society at least ten days before such action is to be taken.

BY-LAWS OF THE CONNECTICUT SOCIETY.

FEES AND DUES.

SECTION 1. Applicants elected by the Board of Managers shall become members of this Society upon payment of membership fee and dues for one year. For active members the membership fee shall be three dollars, and the annual dues two dollars. For honorary members, the membership fee shall be fifty cents, and the annual dues fifty cents. The payment of thirty dollars by an active member, or five dollars by an honorary member at any one time, shall constitute the person paying such sum a life member, and such person shall thereafter be exempt from payment of annual dues.

Annual dues shall be payable to the Secretary by enrolled members on the 10th day of May in each year, but new members qualifying between the beginning of the calendar year and the date of the annual meeting, shall not be liable for the payment of dues during the next succeeding Society year.

A member who shall remain in arrears for dues for three months after notice of his indebtedness has been mailed to him, directed to his last known residence, may be dropped from the rolls by the Board of Managers, and may be reinstated

in his membership by said Board upon the payment of his indebtedness to the Society.

PERMANENT FUNDS.

SECTION 2. All receipts from life membership shall be set aside and invested under the direction of the Board of Managers as a permanent fund, of which only the income shall be used for payment of ordinary expenses.

MEMORIAL FUND.

SECTION 3. There shall be a Memorial Fund to be used for the preservation of graves and monuments of Revolutionary soldiers and patriots; the marking of historic spots; and the purchase of historic places and buildings. This fund shall consist of all receipts from bequests, special subscriptions, and any regular funds of the Society, voted by the Board of Managers.

SOCIAL MEETINGS.

SECTION 4. The Society shall hold an annual meeting for the purpose of celebrating some event in Revolutionary history, the time and place of holding such meeting to be determined by the Board of Managers; and said Board shall also determine the manner of such celebration.

MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS.

SECTION 5. The regular meetings of the Board of Managers shall be held on the third Tuesday of April and October in each year.

PRESIDING OFFICER.

SECTION 6. The President, or in his absence the Vice President, or in their absence a Chairman *pro tem.*, shall preside at all meetings of the Society and of the Board of Managers, and shall have a casting vote. The presiding officer shall preserve order and decide all questions of order, subject to appeal to the meeting.

DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT.

SECTION 7. The President shall be the official head of the Society. He shall perform such duties as usually pertain to that office and as are designated in these By-Laws.

DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY.

SECTION 8. The Secretary shall receive all money from the members, and shall pay it over to the Treasurer, taking his receipt for the same. He shall conduct the general correspondence of the Society; shall notify members of their election and of such other matters as the Society may direct. He shall have charge of the seal, and such records of the Society as are not herein given especially in charge of other officers of the Society; and, together with the presiding officer, he shall certify all acts and orders of the Society. He shall, under direction of the President or acting President, give notice of the time and place of all meetings of the Society and Board of Managers, and shall give such notices of the votes, orders and proceedings of the Society as the Society or Board of Managers may direct.

DUTIES OF TREASURER.

SECTION 9. The Treasurer shall have charge of the funds of the Society; he shall receive all money from the Secretary, and give his receipt for the same,

which money he shall deposit in the name of the Society, and shall pay out for the benefit of the Society only, in such sums as the Society or Board of Managers may direct, and upon the order of the Secretary, countersigned by the President. He shall keep a true account of his receipts and disbursements, and at each annual meeting shall make a full report to the Society. The books of the Secretary and Treasurer shall be open to the inspection of the President and Board of Managers at all times.

DUTIES OF THE REGISTRAR.

SECTION 10. The Registrar shall receive all applications and proofs of membership. He shall examine the same, and report his opinion thereon to the Board of Managers. Imperfect or incorrect applications may be returned to the applicant by the Registrar for correction or completion. After applications have been passed upon by the Board of Managers, he shall, if the applicant is accepted, forward one copy to the Registrar General of the National Society, and shall make a record of such parts of said application as he deems necessary, in a book of forms prepared for that purpose. The original application with the accompanying proofs shall be kept on file. He shall also have the custody of all historical, geographical and genealogical books, papers, manuscripts, and relics of which the Society may become possessed. He shall receive twenty-five cents for recording each accepted application, and shall make a report in writing at each annual meeting.

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

SECTION 11. The Board of Managers shall judge of the qualifications of applicants for membership, and shall have control of the affairs of the Society. They shall appoint an Auditing Committee and a Committee on Necrology. They shall have power to suspend or expel any member of the Society for sufficient cause, by a vote of two-thirds of the members of the Board present at any regular or special meeting; provided, that at least two weeks' notice of such proposed action shall have been given to such member by notice mailed to him at his last known address. A member so suspended or expelled shall have the right to appeal to a meeting of the Society from the action of the Board of Managers.

DUTIES OF THE HISTORIAN.

SECTION 12. The Historian shall keep a record of all facts in connection with the Society which he may judge to be of historic value, and shall make a report in writing at each annual meeting.

DUTIES OF THE CHAPLAIN.

SECTION 13. The Chaplain shall perform such devotional and religious duties as may be called for by the Board of Managers in the course of business or exercises of the Society.

AMENDMENTS.

SECTION 14. These By-Laws shall not be altered, amended or repealed unless such alteration or amendment shall have been proposed in writing at a previous meeting of the Board of Managers, and entered upon the records, with the name of the member proposing the change, and also adopted by a majority of the members present at a regular meeting of the Society, or at a special meeting called for that purpose.

Delaware Society.

18 MEMBERS.

Organized January 29th, 1890. Annual meeting December 7th, to commemorate the ratification of the Constitution of the United States by Delaware.

LIST OF OFFICERS.

President, Thomas F. Bayard, United States Embassy, London, Eng.
Senior Vice President, . Leonard E. Wales, Wilmington.
Secretary, ... Frank R. Carswell, Wilmington.
Treasurer, ... James M. Griffin, Wilmington.
Registrar, ... Lawrence B. Jones, Wilmington.
Chaplain, . . Rev. T. G. Littell, D.D., Baltimore, Md.

CONSTITUTION OF THE DELAWARE SOCIETY.

ARTICLE I.—NAME OF THE SOCIETY.

The name of this Society shall be the DELAWARE SOCIETY OF SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, and it shall be an integral part of the "National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution."

ARTICLE II.—OBJECTS OF THE SOCIETY.

The objects of the Society are to perpetuate the memory and the spirit of the men who achieved American Independence; to promote the fitting celebration of all patriotic anniversaries; to collect and preserve Revolutionary documents and relics, the records of the individual services of our ancestors in the Revolution, and the evidence of our descent from them; to promote historical research and study in relation to the Revolution, and to publish the results thereof; to cherish, maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom, and to foster in the community a love of country; to secure to the young such advantages in education as shall develop the largest capability for performing the duties of American citizens; to promote the general welfare; to secure all the blessings of liberty to us and to all citizens, and to promote fellowship among our members.

ARTICLE III.

SECTION 1. Any male person shall be eligible for membership in this Society, who is a resident of Delaware, or who is descended from a Delaware Revolutionary ancestor, wherever resident, who is of the age of twenty-one years, and whose ancestor was either a military or naval officer, soldier or sailor, or an official in the service of any one of the thirteen original Colonies or States, or of the government representing or composed of those Colonies or States who assisted in establishing American Independence during the War of the Revolution.

SECTION 2. Ladies may be eligible for honorary membership, subject to the limitations as to age and descent established in the case of active members.

ARTICLE IV.

The officers of the Society shall be a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, a Registrar and Historian, and a Chaplain, one Delegate at Large to the National Convention of the Society, an additional Delegate for each one hundred members, or for a fraction thereof exceeding fifty, and a Board of Managers, consisting of these officers, *ex-officio*, and five other members, who shall have power to fill such vacancies as may, from time to time, occur among their number.

ARTICLE V.

SECTION 1. The annual meeting for the election of officers and transaction of business, shall be held on the 7th day of December, the anniversary of the ratification of the Constitution of the United States by the State of Delaware (Delaware being the first of the original States to ratify the Constitution of the United States), except when that date shall fall on Sunday, in which case, the meeting shall be held on the Monday immediately following. All officers shall be elected by ballott. The majority of those present shall elect.

SECTION 2. The hour and place of meeting shall be designated by the Board of Managers.

SECTION 3. Special meetings may be called by the President or Board of Managers at any time. The President shall call a special meeting, whenever requested in writing so to do by five or more members in good standing.

SECTION 4. Five members shall constitute a quorum at all meetings.

SECTION 5. General business may be transacted at any special meeting.

ARTICLE VI.

This Constitution shall be altered, amended or repealed only by a vote of three-fourths of the members of the Society present at a regular meeting, or at a special meeting called for the purpose of such alteration, amendment or repeal, after five days' notice, in writing, shall have been given of such meeting.

BY-LAWS OF THE DELAWARE SOCIETY.

ARTICLE I.—ELECTION OF MEMBERS.

SECTION 1. An applicant for admission to the Society must make application in duplicate (on forms furnished), enumerating the services of his ancestor in the War for Independence, together with a detailed statement of the intermediate generations of his pedigree, which must be supported by affidavit, and such applicant must be recommended by two members of this Society in good standing, and if found worthy, may be elected a member by a two-thirds vote at any meeting of the Society or of the Board of Managers.

SECTION 2. Ladies may be admitted as honorary members of this Society, provided they can trace their descent from Revolutionary ancestors, as provided in Article III., Section 2, of the Constitution, (application to be made in accordance with Section 1 of the By-laws), and upon payment of a membership fee of fifty cents and annual dues of fifty cents. Honorary members shall not be entitled to take part in the business meetings of the Society.

SECTION 3. The Board of Managers shall have power to suspend or expel any member of the Society for sufficient cause by a vote of two-thirds of all the members of the Board; provided, that at least two weeks' notice of such proposed action shall have been given to such members. A member so suspended or expelled shall have the right to appeal to a meeting of the Society from the action of the Board of Managers.

ARTICLE II.—FUNDS, DUES, ETC.

SECTION 1. The initiation fee shall be one dollar, and the annual dues two dollars, or the payment at one time of forty dollars shall constitute life membership with exemption from dues thereafter.

SECTION 2. The annual dues shall be payable on the 7th day of December, in each year.

SECTION 3. A member being in arrears for dues for six months after notice of his indebtedness has been sent him, said dues may be collected by due process of law, or the member dropped from the rolls, as may be determined by the Board of Managers.

ARTICLE III.—THE PRESIDENT.

The President, or in his absence the Vice-President, or in his absence a Chairman *pro tempore*, shall preside at all meetings of the Society and Board of Managers, and shall have a casting vote. He shall exercise the usual functions of a presiding officer, and shall enforce a strict observance of the Constitution and By-Laws, and of the regulations and rules of the Society and Board of Managers.

ARTICLE IV.—THE SECRETARY.

The Secretary shall receive all money from the members, and shall pay it over to the Treasurer, taking his receipt for the same. He shall conduct the general correspondence of the Society, and shall keep a record of the election, death, resignation or expulsion of all members. He shall have charge of the seal, certifi-

cate of incorporation, and records of the Society. He, together with the presiding officer, shall certify all acts of the Society or of the Board of Managers. He shall under the direction of the President, give due notice of the time and place of all meetings of the Society and attend the same. He shall keep fair and accurate records of all the proceedings and orders of the Society, and shall give due notice to the officers and members of all votes, orders, resolves and proceedings of the Society affecting them or appertaining to their respective duties. He shall perform such other duties and make such returns as may be prescribed by the Constitution and By-Laws of the National Society.

ARTICLE V.—THE TREASURER.

The Treasurer shall receive all the moneys from the Secretary, and give his receipt for the same. He shall deposit the same in a bank or savings institution in this State to the credit of the Delaware Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, and shall draw them thence for the purposes of this Society only, as may be ordered by the Society or by the Board of Managers, upon the approval of the President, and the certificate of the Secretary. He shall keep a true account of his receipts and disbursements, and at each annual meeting shall make report and submit his accounts for audit. He shall perform such other duties and make such returns as may be prescribed by the Constitution and By-laws of the National Society.

ARTICLE VI.—THE REGISTRAR.

The Registrar shall, if practicable, be a member of the State Historical Society. He shall have charge of the membership records, and the historical, genealogical and biographical collection of the Society, manuscript or other, and shall arrange and index the same and place them for security in a fire-proof repository. He shall verify all statements of the Revolutionary services of ancestors that may be made in the applications for membership, shall scrutinize the genealogical chain therein, and make report to the Board of Managers. He shall perform such other duties, and make such returns, as may be prescribed by the Constitution and By-Laws of the National Society.

ARTICLE VII.—BOARD OF MANAGERS.

The Board of Managers shall have the general superintendence of the interests and business of the Society; they shall perform such other duties as may be committed to them by the Society; and shall have power to make such rules and regulations, not inconsistent with the Constitution, By-Laws and Resolutions of the Society, as may be necessary for the Government of the Society. At each annual meeting they shall make a general report. Five members will constitute a quorum at all meetings of the Board.

ARTICLE VIII.—AMENDMENTS.

Amendments to these By-Laws may be made at any meeting of the Society by a vote of the majority of the members present, provided that a notice of the meeting and a copy of the proposed amendment shall be sent to every member at least one week prior to such meeting.

District of Columbia Society.

416 Members.

Organized April 19th, 1890. Annual meeting, February 22d, to commemorate Washington's Birthday.

LIST OF OFFICERS:

President, G. Brown Goode, LL. D., . Washington, D. C.
Vice President, John W. Douglas.
" " John Goode.
" " Bernard R. Green.
Recording Secretary, Francis E. Storm, Washington, D. C.
Corresponding Secretary, Frederick E. Tasker, Washington, D. C.
Treasurer, William V. Cox, ... Washington, D. C.
Registrar, William J. Rhees, . . . Washington, D. C.
Assistant Registrar, Francis H. Parsons, Washington, D. C.
Historian, Maj. Wm. Holcomb Webster, Washington, D. C.
Chaplain, Rev. Thomas S. Childs, D.D., Washington, D. C.

Board of Managers:

THE OFFICERS AND FIFTEEN OTHER MEMBERS.

To Serve for a Period of Three Years.

Prof. John R. Eastman, U. S. N., Edward M. Gallaudet,
Capt. Calvin D. Cowles, U.S.A., John B. Thompson,
Gen. J. C. Breckinridge, U.S.A.

To Serve for a Period of Two Years.

Dr. John W. Bayne, Gen. Lewis A. Grant,
William A. De Caindry, Marshall McDonald,
John B. Wight.

To Serve for a Period of One Year.

John R. Procter, Prof. Otis T. Mason,
Owen Riley, Herbert G. Ogden,
Gen. Thomas M. Vincent, U.S.A.

CONSTITUTION DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA SOCIETY.

ARTICLE I.—NAME.

The name of this Society shall be THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA SOCIETY OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION.

ARTICLE II.—OBJECTS.

The objects of this Society shall be to perpetuate the memory of the men who, by their services or sacrifices during the War of the American Revolution, achieved the Independence of the American people; to unite and promote fellowship among their descendants; to inspire them and the community at large with a more profound reverence for the principles of the Government founded by our forefathers; to encourage historical research in relation to the American Revolution; to acquire and preserve the records of the individual services of the patriots of the War, as well as documents, relics, and landmarks; to mark the scenes of the Revolution by appropriate memorials; to celebrate the anniversaries of the prominent events of the War; to foster true patriotism; to maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom; and to carry on the purposes expressed in the preamble to the Constitution of our country and the injunctions of Washington in his farewell address to the American people.

ARTICLE III.—MEMBERSHIP.

SECTION 1. Any man shall be eligible to membership who, being of the age of twenty-one years or over and a citizen of good repute in the community, is the lineal descendant of an ancestor who was at all times unfailing in his loyalty to and rendered actual service in the cause of American independence, either as an officer, soldier, seaman, marine, militia man or minute man, in the armed forces of the Continental Congress, or of any one of the several Colonies or States; or as a signer of the Declaration of Independence; or as a member of the Committee of Safety or Correspondence; or as a member of any Continental, Provincial or Colonial Congress or Legislature; or as a civil officer, either of one of the Colonies or States or of the National Government; or as a recognized patriot who performed actual service by overt acts of resistance to the authority of Great Britain. He may be elected a member of this Society, provided that, upon due investigation, he shall be found to be acceptable.

SECTION 2. Applications for membership shall be made in duplicate, upon blank forms prescribed by the General Board of Managers of the National Society, and shall in each case set forth the name, occupation and residence of the applicant, his line of descent, and the name, residence and services of his ancestor or ancestors in the Revolution from whom he derives eligibility. The applicant shall make oath that the statements of his application are true, according to the best of his knowledge and belief, and his application shall be endorsed by two members of the Society, and accompanied by a letter from at least one compatriot, and subject to such other requirements as may be prescribed by the rules or By-Laws of the Society.

SECTION 3. Whenever a member in good standing changes his residence to the jurisdiction of another State Society, he shall be entitled, if he so elects, to a certificate of honorable demission, in order that he may be transferred to said Society; provided that no such certificate shall be given unless all dues and fees are paid, and said membership in this Society shall not cease until membership in the State Society be established.

SECTION 4. If for any reason a member resigns or is dropped from the rolls of the Society, the number of his insignia shall be cancelled, and his name shall no longer appear in the year book of the Society.

SECTION 5. Sons of Revolutionary soldiers who are regularly accepted by the Board of Management, upon the recommendation of the proper committees, may be made Honorary Members of the Society without payment of annual dues.

ARTICLE IV.—OFFICERS AND MANAGERS

SECTION 1. The officers of the Society shall be a President, three Vice Presidents, one Recording Secretary and one Corresponding Secretary, a Treasurer, a Registrar, an Assistant Registrar, an Historian, a Chaplain and such others as may be deemed necessary, who shall be elected by a vote of the majority of the members present at the annual meeting of the Society, and who shall hold office for one year, or until their successors shall be elected, and who, with fifteen other members, shall constitute the Board of Management: *Provided*, that the President and Vice President shall not be eligible for re-election for more than two successive terms; *and provided further*, that the fifteen members of the Board of Management elected in 1894 shall be divided by lot into three classes of five each, the first to serve one year, the second two years, and the third three years, and that at annual elections thereafter five members shall be elected to serve three years and until their successors are elected. Vacancies in the Board of Management shall be filled by the Society for the unexpired term.

SECTION 2. Delegates to the Congress of the Society shall be elected at each annual meeting, in accordance with the requirement of the Constitution of the National Society, who shall hold office till their successors are duly elected and qualified.

SECTION 3. An Executive Committee of five, of which the President of the Society shall be the chairman, may be elected by the Board of Management from their number, who shall, in the interim between the meetings of the Board, transact such business as shall be delegated to it by the Board of Management. Three members shall be a quorum of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE V.—FEES AND DUES.

SECTION 1. The initiation fee shall be five ($5) dollars; the annual dues three ($3) dollars; or the payment at one time of fifty ($50) dollars shall constitute a life member with exemption from payment of dues thereafter. Members of the "Sons of the Revolution" who join this Society will be exempt from the payment of an initiation fee, provided they are eligible and acceptable under the Constitution of this Society. When a member is elected after the annual meeting his dues for the remainder of that year shall be at the rate of twenty-five cents per month.

SECTION 2. The annual dues shall be payable in advance on the twenty-second day of February in each year.

SECTION 3. When the dues of any member shall remain unpaid for nine months, the Treasurer shall give him notice that unless the same be paid within three months thereafter, his membership shall cease; and in case such dues are not paid pursuant to such notice, or the default be satisfactorily accounted for to the Board of Management, he shall thereupon cease to be a member.

SECTION 4. The receipts each year from initiation fees, life membership fees, and dues, constituting the aggregate annual resources of the Society, shall be devoted by the Board of Management to the following objects, and no others, viz:

1. Payment of the annual dues to the National Society of 50 cents for each active member.
2. Maintenance of a building fund, by the investment of not less than 10 per cent. of the aggregate annual resources of the Society in such securities as the Board of Management shall direct.
3. Payment of current expenses.
4. Publication of such documents as may be deemed advisable.
5. Payment of such special expenses as may be authorized by the vote of two-thirds of the Board of Management.

SECTION 5. No vote of the Society, whereby the expenditure of the building fund shall be caused, shall be passed except at a stated or special meeting, at which at least fifty members shall be present, and two-thirds of those present shall vote in favor thereof; nor until the subject has been referred to the Board of Management and they shall have reported their opinion thereon, which report shall be made at the stated meeting next after the reference, or at a special meeting called for the purpose.

ARTICLE VI.—THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT.

The Board of Management shall consist of the President, Vice Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurer, Registrars, Chaplain, Historian, *ex-officio*, and fifteen members who shall be elected as herein provided.

This Board shall judge of the qualifications of the candidates for admission to the Society and elect the same; and may establish local chapters with such powers as it may deem proper within its jurisdiction not inconsistent with the Constitution of the National Society; may expel any member, after due notice and impartial trial, who by conduct unbecoming a gentleman, shall render himself unworthy to remain a member, subject to appeal to the Society; and shall have charge of all meetings; shall digest and prepare business; and shall authorize the disbursement and expenditure of unappropriated money in the treasury for the payment of current expenses; and generally superintend all the interests of the Society and execute all such duties as may be committed to it by the Society. It shall make through the President, a general report of its transactions at the annual meeting of the Society.

At all meetings of the Board of Management, five or more shall be sufficien for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE VII.—MEETINGS AND ELECTIONS.

SECTION 1. The Annual Meeting for election of officers and transaction of business shall be held at noon on the twenty-second day of February, the anniversary of the birth of George Washington, in every year, except when that date shall fall on Sunday, in which case the meeting shall be held on the following day.

SECTION 2. Special meetings may be called by the President or Board of Management at any time for business purposes or for the purpose of celebrating events of the Revolution or other patriotic events, or devising means for the prose cution of patriotic work. The President shall call a special meeting whenever requested in writing so to do by five or more members.

SECTION 3. General business may be transacted at any special meeting.

SECTION 4. Thirteen members shall constitute a quorum at all meetings. Ayes and noes shall be called at any meeting of the Society upon the demand of five members.

SECTION 5. All nominations for officers shall be made from the floor and not by committee, and all elections to office shall be by ballot. The persons receiving the majority of all the votes cast shall be declared elected, and shall hold office for the ensuing term and until their successors shall be elected.

ARTICLE VIII.—AMENDMENTS.

Amendments to this Constitution may be offered at any meeting of the Society, but shall not be acted on until the next meeting. A copy of every proposed amendment shall be sent to each member, with a notice of the meeting at which the same is to be acted on, at least one week prior to said meeting. A vote of two-thirds of those present shall be necessary to the adoption of any amendment.

BY-LAWS OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA SOCIETY.

SECTION I.—ELECTION OF MEMBERS.

Any applicant for admission to this Society shall file with the Registrar his application, as prescribed in the Constitution, together with such documents and other proofs of qualification as he may have, and the initiation fee ($5.00); also, a letter from the member proposing the name, stating his knowledge of the applicant. These papers shall be referred to the *Committee on Eligibility*. If found eligible, the papers shall be referred to the *Committee on Acceptability*. If the report of that committee shall be in favor of the applicant, the Board may then elect him as a member of the Society, or otherwise dispose of his application; and if his eligibility is approved by the Board and by the Registrar General of the National Society, he shall be entitled to all the privileges of a compatriot therein. If for any reason he is not approved as a member, his papers and initiation fee shall be returned.

SECTION II.—THE PRESIDENT.

The President, or in his absence a Vice President, or in his absence a Chairman *pro tempore*, shall preside at all meetings of the Society and Board of Management, and have a casting vote. He shall exercise the usual functions of a presiding officer, and shall enforce strict observance of the Constitution and By-Laws and of the regulations and rules of the Society.

SECTION III.—THE SECRETARIES.

The Recording Secretary shall have charge of the seal, certificate of incorporation, by-laws and records of the Society, and, together with the presiding officer, shall certify all acts of the Society. He shall keep fair and accurate records of all the proceedings and orders of the Society; and shall give notice to the several officers of all votes, orders, resolves and proceedings of the Society affecting them or appertaining to their respective duties.

He shall notify all members of their election, and shall, under the direction of the President or Vice President, give due notice of the time and place of all meetings of the Society, and attend the same.

The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the general correspondence of the Society, under the direction of the President, and assist the Recording Secretary in his duties, and do such other acts as may be directed by the Board of Management.

SECTION IV.—THE TREASURER.

The Treasurer shall collect and keep the funds and securities of the Society; they shall be deposited in some bank or savings institution in the District, to the credit of THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA SOCIETY OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, and shall be drawn thence on the check of the Treasurer, for the purposes of the Society only. Out of these funds he shall pay such sums only as may be ordered by the Society, or by the Board of Management.

He shall keep a true account of his receipts and payments, and at each annual meeting render the same to the Society.

If, from the annual report of the Treasurer, there shall appear to be a balance against the Treasurer, no appropriation of money shall be made for any object but the necessary current expenses of the Society until such balance shall be paid.

SECTION V.—THE REGISTRAR.

The Registrar shall keep a roll of members, and in his hands shall be lodged all the proofs of membership qualification, and all the historical and genealogical papers, manuscript or other, of which the Society may become possessed; and, under the direction of the Board of Management, shall keep copies of such similar documents as the owners thereof may not be willing to leave permanently in the keeping of the Society. He shall verify all statements of the Revolutionary services of ancestors that may be made in the applications for membership, and make report to the Board of Management.

SECTION VI.—THE HISTORIAN.

The Historian shall keep the records of the historical and commemorative meetings of the Society, and shall supervise the preparation and printing of all its historical publications, other than those of the membership rolls.

He shall submit at each annual meeting a list of the members who may have died during the year, accompanied by biographical memoirs.

SECTION VII.—COMMITTEES.

As soon as practicable after his election, the President shall appoint the following standing committees, viz.:

1. *Ways and Means* Committee, consisting of seven members, who shall perform the duties of a finance committee, and shall have charge of all measures for raising the necessary means for carrying on the business of the Society, including the subject of initiation fees and dues. This committee shall audit the Treasurer's accounts.

2. *Building* Committee, consisting of three members.

3. *Library* Committee, consisting of three members, who shall have charge the library and relics and rooms of the Society, and the supervision of such publications as may be authorized by the Society.

4. *Advancement* Committee, consisting of thirteen members, who shall consider, and from time to time report to the Board of Management, such measures as in their opinion are calculated to advance the interests and promote the general welfare of the Society.

5. *Meetings* Committee, consisting of seven members, who shall have charge of all arrangements for meetings or outings of the Society which may involve extra expense for either transportation, entertainments or refreshments.

6. *Eligibility* Committee, consisting of three members, who shall, after careful scrutiny of the record of each applicant for membership, endorse their conclusions upon the application papers and transmit the papers to the Committee on Acceptability.

7. *Acceptability* Committee, consisting of three members, who shall, after due inquiry into the character and standing of each applicant, endorse their recommendations upon the application papers, and transmit the papers to the Secretary for the action of the Board.

8. *Recruiting* Committee, consisting of forty-four members, who shall be a lookout committee for securing accessions to the membership of the Society.

9. *Press* Committee, consisting of three members, charged with all matters for publication concerning the Society in which the public press may be considered to be interested.

In the absence from the city of members of the foregoing committees, the President is authorized to appoint temporarily, in any case, a sufficient number of members to complete a quorum; and he is authorized to appoint at any time, for temporary purposes, special committees, at the request of the Board of Manageagement.

SECTION VIII.—FORM FOR INSTALLATION OF COMPATRIOTS.

The gentlemen who have been elected members since the last installations will come forward. The compatriots who endorsed the applications in these cases will escort the gentlemen to the front of the chair under the direction of the Committee on *Acceptability*.

The Presiding Officer will then say:

Gentlemen: The interests, objects and principles of this Society are committed to our united care. We are pledged "to cherish, maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom, to foster true patriotism and love of country, and to aid in securing for mankind all the blessings of liberty." Do you so pledge yourselves?

Answer: We do?

The Compatriots of the Society of the SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION will rise. Your properly constituted authorities have, after due care, recommended and elected the gentlemen present; and they are now formally accepted as Compatriots of this Society.

The members of the Society will then say:

Compatriots: We welcome you most heartily.

Illinois Society.

326 MEMBERS.

Organized January 21, 1890. Annual meeting, December 3d, to commemorate the admission of Illinois into the Union.

LIST OF OFFICERS:

President, George F. Bissell, ... Chicago.
Senior Vice President, Henry S. Boutelle, . . . Chicago.
Second Vice President, Henry K. Elkins, . . . Chicago.
Secretary, J. D. Vandercook, ... Chicago.
Treasurer, John H. Trumbull, ... Chicago.
Registrar, Willis J. Ripley, ... Chicago.
Historian, Fernando Jones, ... Chicago.
Chaplain, Rt. Rev. Chas. E. Cheney, D.D., . . Chicago.

Board of Managers:

Consists of all officers and the following:

Samuel E. Gross,
Col. Wm. S. Brackett,
John T. Long,
Henry E. Pope,
Henry Sherman Boutelle,
B. A. Fessenden,
G. V. Lanman,
Francis T. Simons,
Gen. Jos. W. Vance,
E. P. Jaquith,
P. T. Turnley,
John C. Polley,
Rev. W. S. Post,
Ossian Guthrie,
F. P. Fisher.

CONSTITUTION OF THE ILLINOIS SOCIETY.

ARTICLE I.—NAME.

The name of this Society shall be: "The Illinois Society SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION."

ARTICLE II.—OBJECTS.

The objects of this Society shall be to perpetuate the memory of the men who, by their services or sacrifices during the War of the American Revolution, achieved

the Independence of the American people; to unite and promote fellowship among their descendants; to inspire them and the community at large with a more profound reverence for the principles of the government founded by our forefathers; to encourage historical research in relation to the American Revolution; to acquire and preserve the records of the individual services of the patriots of the War, as well as documents, relics and landmarks; to mark the scenes of the Revolution by appropriate memorials; to celebrate the anniversaries of the prominent events of the War; to foster true patriotism; to maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom; and to carry out the purposes expressed in the preamble to the Constitution of our country and the injunctions of Washington in his farewell address to the American people.

ARTICLE III.—MEMBERSHIP.

SECTION 1. Any man shall be eligible to membership in this Society, who, being of the age of twenty-one years or over, and a citizen of Illinois of good repute in the community, is the lineal descendant of an ancestor, who was at all times unfailing in his loyalty to and rendered actual service in the cause of American Independence, either as an officer, soldier, seaman, marine, militia man or minute man, in the armed forces of the Continental Congress, or of any one of the several Colonies or States; or as a signer of the Declaration of Independence; or as a member of a Committee of Safety or Correspondence; or as a member of any Continental, Provincial or Colonial Congress or Legislature; or as a civil officer, either of one of the Colonies or States or of the national government; or as a recognized patriot who performed actual service by overt acts of resistance to the authority of Great Britain.

SECTION 2. Applications for membership shall be made, in duplicate, upon blank forms prescribed by the General Board of Managers, and shall in each case set forth the name, occupation and residence of the applicant, his line of descent, and the name, residence and services of his ancestor or ancestors in the Revolution, from whom he derives eligibility. The applicant shall make oath that the statements of his application are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief. He shall file the application with the Secretary of the Society, accompanied by the initiation fee and dues for the current year. The Secretary will submit such application to the Committee on Applications, of the Board of Managers; such committee shall then report to the Board as to the eligibility of such applicant, and if favorable, and a majority of the Board present at such meeting concur therein, the applicant shall be approved. The Registrar shall then forward such application to the Registrar General of the National Society, and when returned by him approved the applicant shall be considered elected, and shall be so notified by the Secretary, and shall be entitled to a certificate of membership. If the Registrar General is satisfied that the member is not eligible, he shall return the application for correction. No election of a new member shall be valid unless his eligibility shall be approved by the Registrar General.

SECTION 3. The official designation of the members of the Society of THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION shall be "Compatriots."

OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. The officers of the Society shall be a President, two Vice Presidents, a Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar, Historian, a Sergeant-at-Arms, Chaplain, the Delegates to the Congress of the National Society, and such others as may be deemed necessary, who shall be elected by a vote of the majority of the members present at the annual meeting of the Society, and who shall hold office for one year, or until their successors shall be elected. Provided, that the President and two Vice Presidents shall not be elected for a second consecutive term.

SECTION 2. Delegates to the Congress of the Society shall be elected at each annual meeting, in accordance with the requirements of the Constitution of the National Society.

SECTION 3. A Board of Managers of the Society shall consist of the officers, including the delegates and six (6) other members of the Society.

ARTICLE IV.

This Society shall have the authority to expel any member, who, by conduct unbecoming a gentleman, shall render himself unworthy to remain a member of the Society, after due notice and an impartial trial is had.

ARTICLE V.

Local chapters of THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION may be established in the State of Illinois under the jurisdiction of this Society.

ARTICLE VI.

This Constitution may be altered, amended or repealed only by a vote of three-fourths of the members of the Society present at a regular meeting, and when said alteration, amendment or repeal has been openly proposed at a previous meeting, and is a part of the minutes of that meeting, and due notice of such proposed action has been published in the circular calling the meeting.

BY-LAWS OF THE ILLINOIS SOCIETY.

FEES AND DUES.

SECTION 1. The initiation fee shall be three dollars ($3.00), and the annual dues shall be four dollars ($4.00), or the payment of fifty dollars ($50.00) at one time shall constitute a LIFE MEMBERSHIP, and the member so paying shall be exempt from the payment of annual dues.

Sons of men who served in the War of the Revolution will be admitted to membership without payment of the initiation fee, and shall be exempt from dues.

Members residing outside of Cook County shall pay one-half of the regular dues. This class shall be known as non-resident members.

The annual dues shall be payable on the first day of January in each year. Persons becoming members after September 1st shall be exempt from dues for the

balance of the Society year. Persons becoming members between May 1st and September 1st shall be exempt from dues for the first half of the Society year.

ANNUAL MEETING.

SECTION 2. The Society shall hold an annual meeting on the 3d of December (the anniversary of the date of the admission of the State of Illinois into the Union), except when such date shall fall on Sunday, in which event the meeting shall be held on the following day, at which a general election of officers by ballot shall take place. The place of meeting shall be designated by the Board of Managers, to be held in the State of Illinois.

In such election all officers and Board of Managers shall be elected by a majority of the ballots cast.

REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE SOCIETY.

SECTION 4. The regular meetings of the Society shall be held on the fourth Friday of the months of January, March, May and October in each year.

The discussion of sectarian subjects and matters of partisan politics are forbidden at any of the meetings of the Society.

HEADQUARTERS OF THE SOCIETY.

SECTION 5. The headquarters of the Society shall be at Chicago, Illinois, but meetings may be held at such other places within the State as may be designated by the Board of Managers or by vote of the Society at a regular meeting.

QUORUM.

SECTION 6. Fifteen (15) members of the Society shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at all meetings of the Society.

DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT.

SECTION 7. The President, or in his absence the First Vice President, then the Second Vice President, or in his absence a chairman *pro tempore*, shall preside at all meetings of the Society. He shall preserve order, and shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Society. He shall call special meetings of the Society at any time, on the written request of five (5) members of the Society, or of the Board of Managers.

DUTIES OF THE CHAPLAIN.

SECTION 8. The Chaplain, when present, shall open all meetings with prayer.

DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY AND TREASURER.

SECTION 9. The Secretary shall conduct the general correspondence of the Society. He shall notify all members of their election, and of such other matters as the Society may direct, and shall, if possible, procure official evidence of their eligibility.

He shall have charge of the Seal, Certificate of Incorporation, By-Laws and Records of the Society. He can act as Treasurer and receive all funds of the Society, giving proper receipt for the same. He shall, when acting as Treasurer, on approval, pay all bills ordered. He, together with the presiding officer, shall certify all acts of the Society.

He shall, under the direction of the presiding officer, give due notice of time and place of all meetings of the Society and attend the same. He shall keep fair and accurate records of the proceedings and orders of the Society, and collect all moneys due the Society, giving proper receipts for the same. He shall keep a letter book of copies of all official letters; a ledger to contain the accounts of the Society with its members; a cash book; a receipt book in which to take the Treasurer's receipts.

He shall give notice to the several officers of all votes, orders, resolves and proceedings of the Society, affecting them or appertaining to their respective duties, and he shall forward to the officers of the National Society such reports and information as may be required by them. He shall make reports of his office to the Society at the annual meeting. On the election of his successor he shall turn over to him, within ten days, all books, papers and property of the Society in his possession.

The Treasurer shall receive from the Secretary all moneys and securities belonging to the Society, and receipt therefor; he shall pay all orders signed by the President and attested by the Secretary, and none others, and retain these orders as his vouchers; he shall pay over and deliver to his successor in office all moneys, vouchers, books and papers belonging to the Society.

He shall keep a true account of his receipts and payments, and at each annual meeting shall render a report of the same to the Society, when a committee shall be appointed to audit his accounts.

DUTIES OF THE REGISTRAR.

SECTION 10. The Registrar shall keep a register of the Society, being a copy of the register sent to the National Society. In his hands shall be lodged all the proofs of membership qualifications, the applications and historical and geographical papers. He shall aid the Secretary in the discharge of his duties, and in his absence shall act as Secretary.

DUTIES OF THE HISTORIAN.

SECTION 11. The Historian shall keep a book to be known as "The History," in which shall be entered in proper form as much as is possible to be obtained of the history of ancestors of the members of this Society, from whom their eligibility is obtained, and will forward to the Secretary to be forwarded by him to the National Officers, copies of those papers. He shall have charge of all the historical and geographical papers of which the Society may become possessed, and he will preserve them in a place designated or approved by the Board of Managers, and will perform such other duties as the Board of Managers or the Society may direct.

DUTIES OF THE SERGEANT AT ARMS.

SECTION 12. The Sergeant at Arms shall open the room of meeting in time for the Society to meet therein; and after the meeting has closed will return the keys to the authorized person who has charge of the room. He shall see that no unauthorized persons are admitted to the meetings of the Society, and will perform such other duties as the Board of Managers or the Society may direct.

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

SECTION 13. The Board of Managers shall consist of the President, Vice President, Second Vice President, Chaplain, Secretary and Treasurer, Registrar, Historian, Sergeant at Arms, Delegate at Large, and Delegates, and the remaining six (6) as heretofore provided.

They shall judge of the qualifications of the candidates for admission to the Society, and elect the same as heretofore provided.

They shall have charge of all special meetings at any time, upon the written request of five members of the Society, and at such other times as they see fit. They shall recommend plans for the promotion of the objects of the Society, shall digest and prepare business, and shall authorize the disbursement and expenditures of unappropriated money in the treasury for the payment of current expenses of the Society ; they shall generally superintend the interests of the Society, and execute all such duties as may be committed to them by the Society.

They shall have power to accept resignations and fill all vacancies occurring from any cause in the membership of the Board during their term of office. At the annual meeting of the Society they shall make report of the general condition of the Society. Five (5) members of the Board of Managers shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

They shall also appoint each year a Committee on Entertainment.

AYES AND NAYS.

SECTION 14. The ayes and nays shall be called at any meeting of the Society upon the demand of five (5) members.

TRANSFERS.

SECTION 15. Members who are in good standing and whose dues are paid may be transferred to any other State Society, and shall receive from this Society a letter of transfer, upon the acceptance of which by the other Society such member shall cease to be a member of this Society.

Any member who shall resign or leave the Society for any cause shall return to the Society his certificate of membership.

ALTERATIONS.

SECTION 16. These By-Laws shall be altered, amended or repealed only by a majority vote of the members of the Society present at a regular meeting, or at a special meeting called for the purpose, and when said alteration, amendment or repeal has been openly proposed at a regular meeting and is a part of the minutes of that meeting, and due notice of said action shall have been published in the circular calling the meeting.

ARREARAGES.

SECTION 17. Members in arrears for dues for six (6) months may be dropped by a majority vote of the members present at any meeting of the Board of Managers.

SEAL.

SECTION 18. The seal of the Society shall be the same as the seal of the National Society, S. A. R., except for the word National and the date April 30th, 1889, have *Illinois* and *January 14th, 1890.*

The insignia of the Society shall be the same as the insignia of the National Society.

GUESTS AT MEETINGS.

SECTION 19. All persons interested in patriotic purposes may be present at the regular meetings of the Society by invitation of members, but are not entitled to vote, and can be excluded by a majority vote of the members of the Society present.

SECTION 20. It shall be the duty of the Committee on entertainment to make such arrangements for the presentation of historical papers, or discussion, or other features at the regular meetings of the Society as shall tend to stimulate interest. It shall be the duty of this Committee to make all preparations for the annua banquet of the Society.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

SECTION 21. The presiding officer shall call the meeting to order.
Prayer by the Chaplain.
Roll call.
Reading of the minutes of previous meeting.
Report of Board of Managers.
Reports of committees.
Unfinished business.
Reading of communications.
New business.
These By-Laws may be suspended at any meeting by a unanimous vote.

Indiana Society.

82 MEMBERS.

Organized January 15th, 1890. Annual meeting, February 25th, to commemorate the capture of Fort Sackville, Vincennes, Ind.

LIST OF OFFICERS:

President, Seneca Buel Brown, . . .	Fort Wayne, Ind.
Second Vice President, Will E. English,	Indianapolis, Ind.
Secretary, Charles W. Moores, . . .	Indianapolis, Ind.
Treasurer, Cincinnatus H. McDowell, .	Indianapolis, Ind.
Registrar, David E. Snyder, ...	Indianapolis, Ind.

Honorary Vice Presidents:

Samuel Caldwell Meredith,	Indianapolis.
Wellington A. Clark,	Crown Point.
Robert Stockwell Hatcher,	Lafayette.

CONSTITUTION OF THE INDIANA SOCIETY.

ARTICLE I.

The name of this Society shall be "THE INDIANA SOCIETY OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION."

ARTICLE II.

The Society shall be perpetual.

ARTICLE III.

The purpose of this Society shall be to perpetuate the memory of the men, who, by their services or sacrifices during the War of the American Revolution, achieved the Independence of the American people; to unite and promote fellowship among their descendants; to inspire them and the community at large with a more profound reverence for the principles of the government founded by our forefathers; to encourage historical research in relation to the American Revolution; to acquire and preserve the records of the individual services of the patriots of the War, as well as documents, relics and landmarks; to mark the scenes of the Revolution by appropriate memorials; to celebrate the anniversaries of the prominent events of the War; to foster true patriotism; to maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom, and to carry out the purposes expressed in the Preamble to the Constitution of our country and the injunctions of Washington in his farewell address to the American people.

ARTICLE IV.

Any male resident of Indiana, over the age of twenty-one years, shall be eligible for membership, who is descended on either the male or female line, from an ancestor who assisted in establishing American Independence during the War of the Revolution; whether as a military or naval officer, soldier or sailor, or as an official or recognized subordinate in the service of any one of the thirteen original Colonies or States, or of the National Government, representing those Colonies or States. No person lacking in these qualifications shall be eligible to membership in the Society.

ARTICLE V.

The officers of the Society shall be the President, Vice President, Secretary, Registrar and Treasurer, who shall constitute the Board of Managers, Delegate at Large, and a Delegate to the National Society, for each one hundred or fraction of one hundred exceeding fifty members: *Provided*, That the Society shall always be entitled to at least one Delegate at Large and one Delegate. The Society or its Board of Managers may also select honorary Vice Presidents.

ARTICLE VI.

This Constitution may be altered, amended or repealed by a vote of two-thirds of the members of the Society present, at a regular meeting of the Society or a special meeting called for that purpose, after proper notice has been given of such special meeting.

BY-LAWS OF THE INDIANA SOCIETY.

SECTION 1. Members shall be elected as follows: Candidates may send their names and documents, or other proofs of qualification for membership, to the Secretary; and upon favorable consideration by the Board of Managers, shall, upon payment of the membership fee and first annual dues, thereupon become members of the Society.

SECTION 2. The initiation fee shall be one dollar, and the annual dues two dollars. The payment at one time of fifty dollars shall constitute a life member, and the member so paying shall be exempt from the payment of annual dues.

SECTION 3. The annual meeting of the Society shall be held on the 25th day of February, the anniversary of the capture of Fort Sackville, at Vincennes, Indiana, and in each and every year thereafter, at which a general election of officers by ballot shall take place, except when such date shall fall on Sunday, in which event the meeting shall be held on the following day, unless otherwise set by the Board of Managers, upon due notice to the members. In such election, a majority of the ballots cast for any officer shall constitute a choice.

SECTION 4. At all meetings of the Society, five members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

SECTION 5. The President, or, in his absence, the Vice President, or, in their absence, a chairman *pro tempore*, shall preside at all meetings. He shall preserve order and shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Society.

SECTION 6. The Secretary shall conduct the general correspondence of the Society. He shall notify all members of their election, and of such other matters as he may be directed by the Society. He shall have charge of the Seal, Certificate

of Incorporation, By-Laws and records of the Society. He, together with the presiding officer, shall certify all acts of the Society. He shall, under the direction of the President or Vice President presiding, give due notice of the time and place of all meetings of the Society, and attend the same. He shall keep fair and accurate records of all the proceedings and orders of the Society ; and shall give notice to the several officers of all votes, orders, resolutions and proceedings of the Society affecting them or pertaining to their respective duties.

SECTION 7. The Treasurer shall collect and keep the funds and securities of the Society ; they shall be deposited in some bank or savings institution in this State, to the credit of THE INDIANA SOCIETY OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, and shall be drawn thence on the checks of the Treasurer for the purposes of the Society only. Out of these sums he shall pay such sums only as may be ordered by the Society, or by the Board of Managers. He shall keep a true account of his receipts and payments, and at each annual meeting render the same to the Society, when a committee may be appointed to audit his accounts.

SECTION 8. If, from the annual report of the Treasurer, there shall appear to be a balance against the Treasurer, no appropriation of money shall be made for any object but the necessary current expenses of the Society until such balance shall be paid

SECTION 9. The Board of Managers shall judge of the qualifications of the candidates for admission to the Society and elect the same, and shall have charge of all the special meetings of the Society and shall, through the Secretary, call special meetings at any time, upon the written request of five members of the Society, and at such other times as they see fit. They shall recommend plans for promoting the objects of the Society, shall digest and prepare business, and shall authorize the disbursement and expenditure of unappropriated money in the treasury for the payment of current expenses of the Society. They shall act as the trustees of the Society and generally superintend the interests of the same, and execute all such duties as may be committed to them. The Registrar shall keep a roll of members; and in his hands shall be lodged all the proofs of membership qualifications and all the historical and geographical papers, manuscript or other, of which the Society may become possessed ; and under the direction of such executive committee of the Board of Managers, shall, for adequate compensation, keep copy of such similar documents as the owners thereof may not be willing to leave permanently in the keeping of the Society.

At all meetings of the Board of Managers three shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

LOCAL CHAPTERS.

SECTION 10. Local chapters may be organized in any county of Indiana upon the application in writing to the Board of Managers of ten members of the Indiana Society, whose qualification for membership shall have been duly approved by the National Society. The selection of its officers and its mode of government shall be under the control and direction of such local chapter free of any outside supervision, so long as the conduct of its affairs are in conformity with the Constitution and By-Laws of the National and State Society, of which it shall be a part.

SECTION 11. No amendment of the By-Laws shall be made unless adopted by a two thirds vote of the members present at a meeting of the Society.

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GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
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Iowa Society.

57 MEMBERS.

Organized September 5th, 1893. Annual meeting February 22d, to commemorate Washington's Birthday.

LIST OF OFFICERS:

President, L. B. Raymond,	Hampton.
Senior Vice President, A. U. Swalm,	Oskaloosa.
Secretary, C. H. E. Boardman,	Marshalltown.
Treasurer, Herman Knapp,	Ames.
Registrar, E. H. Hazen,	Des Moines.
Historian, Geo. W. Wakefield,	Sioux City.
Chaplain, Rev. E. H. Vittum,	Gunnell.

Board of Managers:

H. E. J. Boardman,	Marshalltown
Charles D. Shepard,	Gilbert Station.
Lucien S. Kilborn,	Marshalltown.
William P. Hepburn,	Clarinda.
John R. Sage,	Des Moines.
Timothy Hunt,	Grinnell.
L. B. Raymond,	Hampton.
Erastus B. Soper,	Emmetsburg.
Franklin G. Pierce,	Marshalltown.
Dr. Edward H. Hazen,	Des Moines.
Samuel B. Evans,	Ottumwa.

CONSTITUTION OF THE IOWA SOCIETY.

ARTICLE I.—NAME.

The Name of this Society shall be "THE IOWA SOCIETY OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION."

ARTICLE II.—NATIONAL SOCIETY.

This Society shall be a part of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. It recognizes all State Societies of The Sons of the

American Revolution as co-equal and their members as our compatriots, entitled to receive such information, assistance and fraternal consideration as may best promote the objects of the Society.

ARTICLE III.—OBJECTS.

The objects of this Society shall be to perpetuate the memory of the men, who, by their services and sacrifices during the War of the American Revolution, achieved the independence of the American people; to unite and promote fellowship among their descendants; to inspire them and the community at large with a more profund reverence for the principles of the government founded by our forefathers; to encourage historical research in relation to the American Revolution; to acquire and preserve the records of the individual services of the patriots of the War, as well as documents, relics and landmarks; to mark the scenes of the Revolution by appropriate memorials; to celebrate the anniversaries of the prominent events of the War; to foster true patriotism; to maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom; and to carry out the purposes expressed in the preamble to the Constitution of our country and the injunctions of Washington in his farewell address to the American people.

ARTICLE IV.—MEMBERSHIP.

SECTION 1. Any man shall be eligible to membership in this Society, who, being a resident of the State of Iowa, of the age of twenty-one years or over, and a citizen of good repute in the community, is the lineal descendant of an ancestor, who was at all times unfailing in his loyalty to, and rendered actual service in the cause of American independence, either as an officer, soldier, seaman, marine, militia man or minute man, in the armed forces of the Continental Congress, or of any one of the several Colonies or States; or as a signer of the Declaration of Independence; or as a member of a Committee of Safety or Correspondence; or as a member of any Continental, Provincial or Colonial Congress or Legislature; or as a civil officer, either of one of the Colonies or States or of the National Government; or as a recognized patriot who performed actual service by overt acts of resistance to the authority of Great Britain.

SECTION 2. Applications for membership shall be made to this Society in duplicate, upon blank forms prescribed, and shall in each case set forth the name, occupation and residence of the applicant, his line of descent, and the name, residence and services of his ancestors or ancestor in the Revolution, from whom he derives eligibility. The applicant shall make oath that the statements of his application are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief. Upon the approval of the application by the Board of Managers of this Society, one copy shall be transmitted to the Registrar General of the National Society, who shall examine further the eligibility of the applicant. If satisfied that the member is not eligible, he will return the application for correction. No membership shall be ultimately valid unless eligibility be approved by the Registrar General of the National Society.

SECTION 3. Any member may become a life member by payment of fifty dollars into the treasury in commutation of annual dues.

ARTICLE V.—OFFICERS.

The officers of this Society shall be a President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Registrar, Historian, Chaplain and a Board of Managers, eleven in number including the six officers first above named. Said officers shall be elected by ballot at each annual meeting by vote of a majority of the members present, or by written power, proxy from absent members witnessed by two witnesses, and shall hold office till the next annual meeting and until their successors shall be elected. The President shall not be eligible as his own successor. An Executive Committee of three, of whom the President shall be the chairman, may at any meeting of the Board of Managers be chosen from their number, which committee shall, in the interim between the meetings of the Board, transact such business as may be delegated to it by the Board of Managers. At the annual meeting, one Delegate at Large, and such other Delegates as the National Constitution authorizes, shall be elected to attend the annual congress and meetings of the National Society.

ARTICLE VI.—POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS.

The powers and duties of the officers shall be such as usually pertain to such offices, except as modified or prescribed by the Board of Managers, or prescribed in the By-Laws. The Board of Managers shall have power to fill vacancies occurring during vacation, the persons so appointed to hold till the next annual meeting. Said Board shall have general supervision of the affairs of the Society, may authorize local chapters and may delegate any of the powers to the Executive Committee, except that of amending this Constitution, and may make By-Laws for the government of the Society.

The Registrar shall receive the applications, examine them, report to the Board of Managers who shall thereupon admit or deny the applicants.

The Treasurer shall keep open books of account, give bond for the faithful performance of his duties, which bond, when endorsed and approved by the Board of Managers or President, shall be placed in the custody of the Secretary.

The Board of Managers shall provide a book as a family record and the Historian shall enter therein the name of each member and the family line from the ancestor; also the names, date and place of birth of the member's wife and children with their places of residence and such other historical particulars as may be necessary for record reference for future generations.

ARTICLE VII.—MEETINGS AND ELECTIONS.

The annual meeting of this Society for the election of officers and the transaction of business shall be held at the Capitol Building in Des Moines at such time as the Board of Managers shall decide, and a notice of such meeting shall be mailed to each member at least thirty days before the date of meeting.

Special meetings of the Society may be called by the President, and shall be called by him when directed so to do by the Board of Managers, or whenever requested by written request of ten members. Thirty days' notice of such meeting shall be given as above provided.

The Board of Managers shall meet at the call of the President, and the President shall call a meeting of the Board on the written request of five members of the Board.

ARTICLE VIII.—FEES AND DUES.

The initiation fee shall be three dollars, and the annual dues two dollars, payable in advance at the annual meeting, or at time of becoming a member.

The Treasurer shall pay from the treasury to the National Society the fee required by that Society for each active member, viz.: Fifty cents per annum. The receipts each year, constituting the annual resources of the Society, shall be devoted by the Board of Managers to the payment of annual dues to the National Society, current expenses and publication of circulars and other documents, also to the payment of such special expenses as may be authorized by the Executive Committee or a majority of the Board of Managers.

A member who shall remain in arrears two months for any dues to the Society, may, after ten days' notice by mail, be dropped from the rolls by the Board of Managers.

ARTICLE IX.—QUORUM AND RULES.

Eleven members of the Society shall constitute a quorum at any annual or general meeting.

Six members of the Board of Managers shall constitute a quorum of that Board and two members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum of said committee.

Parliamentary rules compiled by L. S. Cushing shall be authority in all meetings.

ARTICLE X.—AMENDMENTS.

This Constitution may be amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at any annual meeting or by the unanimous vote of the Board of Managers at any of its meetings, after giving thirty days' notice by mail to each member of such intended amendment.

ARTICLE XI.—SEAL.

The seal of this Society shall be the same as that of the National Society, with the exception that it shall bear the legend, "Iowa State Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, Organized September 5th, 1893," in place of the legend, "National Society."

ARTICLE XII.—INSIGNIA.

The insignia shall be the same as that of the National Society, namely: A silver cross of four arms and eight points, same size as the Chevalier's cross of the Legion of Honor of France, arms enameled white, in the centre a gold medallion bearing the bust of General George Washington in profile, surrounded by ribbon in blue enamel, bearing the legend, "Libertas et Patria;" encircling the medallion and midway between it and the points of the cross, a laurel wreath in green enamel. Reverse same as the obverse, except that the medallion bears the figure of a Continental soldier, and that the blue enameled ribbon bears the title, "Sons of the American Revolution." The whole is surmounted by an eagle of gold or silver, and is suspended from a blue and white ribbon. A smaller badge, the same as the foregoing in every respect, except that it is only one-half the diameter of the large one, and a blue and white rosette or button seven-sixteenths of an inch in diameter.

Kansas Society.

45 MEMBERS.

Organized March 31st, 1892. Annual meeting, the third Wednesday in January.

LIST OF OFFICERS:

President,	Geo. D. Hale,	Topeka.
Secretary,	Henry J. Adams,	Topeka.
Treasurer,	J. D. Norton,	Topeka.
Registrar,	T. E. Bowman,	Topeka.
Historian,	J. L. Furber,	Topeka.
Vice President,	W. T. Scott,	Holton.
"	F. H. Betton,	Pomeroy.
"	Connelly McFadden,	Chanute.
"	E. A. Berry,	Waterville.
"	Richard O. Elting,	Kansada.

CONSTITUTION OF THE KANSAS SOCIETY.

ARTICLE I.

The name of this Society shall be "THE KANSAS SOCIETY OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION."

ARTICLE II.

The object and purpose of this Society is to keep alive among ourselves and our descendants the patriotic spirit of the men who, in military, naval or civil service, by their acts or council, achieved American Independence; to collect and secure for preservation the manuscript rolls, records and other documents relating to the War of the Revolution, and to promote social intercourse and good feeling among its members, now and hereafter.

ARTICLE III.

Any person shall be eligible for membership in this Society who is a resident of Kansas, and who is of the age of twenty-one years, and whose ancestor was

either a military or naval officer, soldier or sailor, or an official in the service of any one of the thirteen original Colonies or States, or of the government representing or composed of those Colonies or States, who assisted in establishing American Independence during the War of the Revolution.

ARTICLE IV.

The officers of this Society shall be a President, seven Vice Presidents, one for each Congressional district; a Secretary, a Treasurer, a Registrar, and an Historian.

ARTICLE V.

A meeting for the election of officers and transaction of business, shall be held biennially in the City of Topeka, on the third Wednesday of January, and a meeting for social purposes shall be held annually at such time and place as the Board of Managers may determine.

At each biennial meeting there shall be elected, in addition to the officers provided for in Article IV., one delegate at large, and one delegate for each one hundred or fraction of one hundred exceeding fifty members, who, together with such officers as are provided for by the Constitution of the National Society, shall represent this Society in the National Society. Such delegates shall be elected at this meeting for organizatton.

ARTICLE VI.

There shall be a Board of Managers, whose duty it shall be to conduct the affairs of this Society, which Board shall consist of the officers of this Society, the delegates to the National Society, and fifteen others, who shall be elected at the biennial meeting.

ARTICLE VII.

The President and Vice President shall not be eligible for a second re-election as their own successors.

ARTICLE VIII.

This Constitution may be amended, altered or repealed, provided written resolutions to that effect are first presented to the Board of Managers and approved by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any regular meeting of said Board, or at a special meeting called for that purpose; and provided said amendments are approved by a majority of the members present at any regular or special meeting of the Society.

ARTICLE IX.

Any person eligible to membership may become a member by signing the Constitution and payment of the initiation fee of $1.00, and the membership fee of $1.00 shall be paid annually thereafter.

Kentucky Society.

112 MEMBERS.

Organized April 8, 1889. Annual meeting October 19th, to commemorate the surrender of Cornwallis.

LIST OF OFFICERS:

President, Thomas H. Taylor, . .	Louisville, Ky.
Senior Vice President, Lewis Buckner, .	Louisville, Ky.
Secretary, George T. Wood, . . .	Louisville, Ky.
Treasurer, John F. Lewis, . . .	Louisville, Ky.
Registrar, George D. Todd, . . .	Louisville, Ky.
Historian, " " . . .	Louisville, Ky.

CONSTITUTION OF THE KENTUCKY SOCIETY.

ARTICLE I.

The name of this Society shall be "THE KENTUCKY SOCIETY OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION."

ARTICLE II.

This Society shall be a part of the NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION. It recognizes all the State Societies of THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION as co-equal and their members as their compatriots.

ARTICLE III.

The objects of this Society shall be to perpetuate the memory of the men who, by their services or sacrifices during the War of the American Revolution, achieved the Independence of the American people; to unite and promote fellowship among their descendants; to inspire them and the community at large with a more profound reverence for the principles of the government founded by our forefathers; to encourage historical research in relation to the American Revolution; to acquire and preserve the records of the individual services of the patriots of the War, as well as documents, relics and landmarks; to mark the scenes of the Revolution by appropriate memorials; to celebrate the anniversaries of the prominent events of the War; to foster true patriotism; to maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom; and to carry out the purposes expressed in the preamble to the Constitution of our country, and the injunctions of Washington in his farewell address to the American people

ARTICLE IV.

SECTION 1. Any man shall be eligible to membership in this Society, who, being of the age of twenty-one years or over, and a citizen of good repute, and is the lineal descendant of an ancestor, who was at all times unfailing in his loyalty to, and rendered actual service in, the cause of American Independence, either as an officer, soldier, marine, militia man or minute man, in the armed forces of the Continental Congress, or of any one of the several Colonies or States; or as a signer of the Declaration of Independence; or as a member of a Committee of Safety or Correspondence; or as a member of any Continental, Provisional or Colonial Congress or Legislature; or as a civil officer, either of one of the Colonies or States, or of the National Government; or as a recognized patriot, who performed actual service by overt acts of resistance to the authority of Great Britain.

SECTION 2. Application for membership shall be made in duplicate, upon blank forms furnished by the Secretary of the Society, and shall in each case set forth the name, occupation and residence of the applicant, his line of descent, and the name, residence and services of his ancestor or ancestors in the Revolution, from whom he derives eligibility. The applicant shall make oath that the statements of his application are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief. Upon the approval of an application by this Society, one copy shall be transmitted to the Registrar General of the National Society, who shall examine further the eligibility of the applicant. No election of a new member shall be valid, unless his eligibility shall be approved by the Registrar General.

SECTION 3. For the purpose of making more nearly perfect the records of our Revolutionary ancestors and their descendants, any woman of Revolutionary ancestry may file a record of her ancestor's services and her line of descent with the Registrar, who shall send a duplicate to the Registrar General, and any woman, a citizen of Kentucky, who complies with this requirement, shall have her name placed upon the roll of honorary membership, and shall not be subjected to the payment of initiation fees and dues, but shall not be entitled to vote nor hold office in this Society; and all women whose names are now upon the roll of membership, shall, from and after this date, be regarded as honorary members only.

SECTION 4. The official designation of the members of THE SOCIETY OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION shall be "compatriots."

ARTICLE V.

The officers of this Society shall be a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, a Registrar and Historian, and a Board of Managers consisting of those officers, and the Chairman of each Chapter, *ex-officio*, and four other members.

ARTICLE VI.

By-Laws and standing rules and regulations not inconsistent with this Constitution may be adopted, and may provide for the imposition of dues, fees and penalties, and for the expulsion or suspension of any member enrolled, who by a conduct inconsistent with a gentleman and a man of honor, or by an opposition to the interests of the community in general or the organization in particular, or for

any cause, may render himself unworthy to continue a member. The By-Laws, however, may provide for the restoration to membership of any person thus suspended or expelled, unless the cause of expulsion involve turpitude or moral unworthiness. They may provide for the filling of vacant offices, and for the election of delegates to the National Society.

ARTICLE VII.

Every member shall declare upon honor that he will conform to this Constitution and observe the By-Laws, Rules and Regulations, made in pursuance thereof and endeavor to promote the purposes of this institution.

ARTICLE VIII.

No question involving the party politics of the day within the United States shall ever be discussed or considered in any meeting of the Society.

ARTICLE IX.

This Constitution may be altered, amended or repealed by a vote of three-fourths of the members of the Society present at a regular meeting, provided the changes are not inconsistent with the Constitution of the National Society.

BY-LAWS OF THE KENTUCKY SOCIETY.

SECTION 1. The form of application for membership in this Society, shall be that form required by the National Society, and members shall be elected in the following manner: Candidates must send their application in duplicate, with documents or other proof of qualification for membership, together with the amount of the initiation fee and first annual dues, to the Registrar, who shall submit such application to the Board of Managers, and upon a favorable report, in which two-thirds of the members present concur, the application will be forwarded to the Registrar General, and upon his approval the applicant will be declared a member. After such election, the registrar shall enter such name upon the rolls of the Society, and notify the new member of his election. In the event an application is rejected, the amount of the initiation fee and dues shall immediately be returned to the applicant.

SECTION 2. The initiation fee shall be five dollars ($5); the annual dues two dollars ($2). The payment at one time of fifty dollars ($50) shall constitute a life member; and the member so paying shall be exempt from the payment of annual dues.

SECTION 3. A member who shall remain in arrears for dues for three months after notice of his indebtedness has been sent him, may be dropped from the rolls in the following manner: The name of the delinquent shall be sent to the Registrar by the Treasurer, and the Registrar shall thereupon drop said name from the roll, and notify the person whose name is so dropped, and state to him the cause. And should said member fail to reinstate himself within six months, as hereinafter

provided in Section 4, the Registrar shall notify the Registrar General of the National Society that he may erase said name from the National rolls.

SECTION 4. Any member whose name has been dropped by reason of failure to pay the annual dues, may, upon full payment of all arrears within six months, be reinstated by the Registrar, upon said payment being certified to him by the Treasurer; but a failure to pay in full within six months shall be a forfeiture of membership in this Society, and the member so forfeiting his membership shall not be reinstated unless he can show to the Board of Managers some extraordinary reason for his delinquency. A majority vote of the Board shall be sufficient to determine.

SECTION 5. The Society shall hold an annual meeting on the 19th day of October, except when such date shall fall on Sunday, in which event the meeting shall be held on the following Wednesday (the anniversary of the surrender of Yorktown), in each and every year, the place of meeting to be selected by a majority vote of the Board of Managers, at which a general election of officers by ballot shall take place. In such election, a majority of the ballots given for any officer shall constitute a choice; but, if on the first ballot, no person shall receive such majority, then a further balloting shall take place, in which a plurality of votes given for any officer shall determine the choice.

SECTION 6. At all meetings of the Society five (5) members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

SECTION 7. The President, or in his absence the Vice President, or in his absence a Chairman *pro tempore*, shall preside at all meetings of the Society and of the Board of Managers, and shall exercise the usual functions of a presiding office, under Cushman's Manual or House Rules, subject to an appeal to the Society in proper cases under those rules. He shall also perform such other duties on behalf of the Society, either personally or by correspondence, as it or the Board of Managers may find desirable or necessary, or as customarily appertain to his office, and he shall enforce a strict observance of the Constitution, By-Laws and Standing Regulations.

In case of the death, resignation, neglect to serve, or inability from any cause of the President to act, the duties of the office shall devolve on the Vice President until the vacancy caused by such decease, resignation or neglect to serve, shall be filled, or until the inability shall cease.

SECTION 8. The Secretary shall conduct the general correspondence of the Society. He shall have charge of the seal, certificate of incorporation, By-Laws and records of the Society. He, together with the presiding officer, shall certify all acts of the Society. He shall, under the direction of the President or Vice President, give due notice of the time and place of all meetings of the Society, and attend the same. He shall keep fair and accurate records of all the proceedings and orders of the Society; and shall give notice to the several officers of all votes, orders, resolves and proceedings of the Society affecting them, or appertaining to their respective duties. In his absence from any meeting, a Secretary *pro tempore* may be designated therefor.

SECTION 9. The Treasurer shall collect and keep the funds and securities of the Society; they shall be deposited in some bank or savings institution in this

State, to the credit of the Society, and shall be drawn thence on the check of the Treasurer for the purposes of the Society only. Out of these funds he shall pay such sums only as may be ordered by the Society or by the Board of Managers. He shall keep a true account of his receipts and payments, and, at each annual meeting, render the same to the Society, when a committee shall be appointed to audit his accounts.

SECTION 10. If, from the annual report of the Treasurer there shall appear to be a deficit, no appropriation of money shall be made for any object but the necessary current expenses of the Society until such deficit shall have been paid.

SECTION 11. The Registrar and Historian shall keep a roll of members, and in his hands shall be lodged all the proofs of membership qualification, and all the historical and geographical papers, manuscript or other, of which the Society may become possessed; and who, under the direction of such Board of Managers, shall, for adequate compensation, keep copy of such similar documents as the owners thereof may not be willing to leave permanently in the keeping of the Society. At each annual meeting of the Society, he shall make a general report.

SECTION 12. The Board of Managers shall be nine, namely: the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar and Historian, and chairman of each Chapter, *ex-officio*, and four other members, who shall be elected at the annual meeting in every year, in the same manner as the officers of the Society.

They shall judge of the qualification of every candidate who shall make proper application for admission to the Society, and shall have power to admit him to membership therein, two-thirds of the members present concurring, if found eligible under the Constitution.

They shall, through the Secretary, call special meetings of the Society at any time upon the written request of fifteen members of the Society, and at such other times as they themselves may see fit, and they may arrange for commemorative celebrations by the Society.

They shall recommend plans to the Society for promoting its purposes, and when practical, may digest and prepare business for its meetings.

They shall generally superintend the interests and shall have the control and management of the affairs and funds of the Society, as authorized by law. They shall also perform such duties as may be prescribed by the Constitution or By-laws, or required by any standing regulation or resolve of the Society. They shall be competent to consent to and to accept the resignation or voluntary withdrawal from membership of any enrolled member of the Society.

They shall supervise all publications issued in its name, and they may require the attendance of any member of the Society enrolled therein, or any committee thereof, at any meeting for consultation and advice.

They shall meet as often as they desire, or at the call of the President, or upon the written request of any three members of the same.

They may, by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any meeting, for reasons satisfactory to said board, remit the annual dues of any delinquent, and may, if they see fit, admit anyone to membership without the payment of initiation fee.

Three members of the Board of Managers shall be a quorum for the transaction of business.

The President and the Secretary of the Society shall be respectively the Chairman and Secretary, *ex-officio*, of the Board of Managers, but in the absence of either or both at any meeting, the place of either or both may be filled *pro tempore* by election from among the members present at such meeting.

The minutes of the Board shall be kept in a book provided specially for that purpose, and such book shall be in the custody of the Secretary of the Society. In the event the Secretary of the Society be absent from any meeting of the Board, the Secretary *pro tempore* shall furnish him with a record of the proceedings, and it shall be the Secretary's duty to transcribe the same in the record of the Board.

The Board of Managers shall expel any enrolled member of this Society who, by a conduct inconsistent with a gentleman and a man of honor, or by an opposition to the interests of the community in general, or of this Society in particular, may render himself unworthy to continue a member, or who shall persistently transgress, or, without good excuse, wilfully neglect the performance of any obligation enjoined by the Constitution, or by these By-Laws, or by any standing regulation of this Society. Provided, that he shall be given at least ten days' notice of the complaint preferred against him, and of the time and place of hearing the same, and thereby be afforded an opportunity to be heard in person or by counsel.

Whenever the cause of expulsion shall not have involved turpitude nor moral unworthiness, any member thus expelled, may, upon the recommendation of the Board of Managers, but not otherwise, be restored to membership by the Society at any meeting.

Whenever an officer of this Society shall die, resign, or neglect to serve, or be unable to properly perform the duties of his office by reason of absence, sickness, or other cause, the Board of Managers shall have power to appoint a member to such office *pro tempore*, who shall act in such capacity until the Society shall elect a successor, or until the disability due to "absence, sickness, or other causes" shall cease. Provided, however, that the office of President shall not thus be filled by the Board of Managers, when there shall be a Vice President to enter upon its duties.

Subject to these provisions, all officers of the Society, and the members of the Board of Managers, shall from the time of their election or appointment, continue in their respective offices until the next annual meeting, and until their respective successors shall be duly chosen and qualified.

The Board of Managers shall hold a meeting during the month of March in every year, at which meeting they shall by a majority vote, elect delegates from this Society to the Annual Convention of the National Society, as provided in Article VII., Sections 1 and 3, Constitution of National Society of THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION.

SECTION 13. No resignation or voluntary withdrawal from membership of any member enrolled in this Society, shall become effective as a release from the obligations thereof, unless consented to and accepted by the Board of Managers.

SECTION 14. A certificate of membership as furnished by the National Society through its Registrar shall be ordered by the Secretary of this Society for any member in good standing who shall make application therefor, and who shall pay to the Secretary in advance the price thereof. Before delivering such

certificate, the member to receive the same shall be required to sign the following obligation:

"I hereby promise, upon honor, that should I ever, from any cause, cease to be a member of the Kentucky Society of THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, I will return, without unnecessary delay, and at my own expense, to the Secretary of said Society, the Certificate of Membership issued to me by the National Society of THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, and countersigned by the officers of the Kentucky Society."

Upon the return of any Certificate of Membership, the Secretary shall destroy he same.

SECTION 15. It shall be the duty of every member to inform the Secretary, by written communication, of his place of residence, and of any change thereof, and of his post office address.

Service of any notice under the Constitution, or under these By-Laws upon any member of the Society, addressed to him at the last recorded place of residence or post office address, and forwarded by mail, shall be deemed sufficient service of such notice.

SECTION 16. Ayes and nayes shall be called at any meeting of the Society upon the demand of five members.

SECTION 17. No alteration of the By-Laws of this Society shall be made, unless such alterations shall be adopted by a two-thirds majority of the members present at a meeting of the Society.

SECTION 18. Annual dues shall be payable on the 19th day of October in each and every year. Members joining the Society between October 19 and July 1, shall pay full dues. Members joining between July 1 and October 19, shall pay no dues.

SECTION 19. Whenever there shall be seven or more members of this Society, resident in a County of this State, they may, on application to the Board of Managers, be authorized to form a Chapter, to which they may give a name, and the Board of Managers will assign a number.

The officers of a Chapter shall be a Chairman, a Vice Chairman and a Secretary, who shall look after the Society's interest in their own County. No more than one Chapter shall be formed in a County.

Every application for membership in the Society, from a resident of a County where there is a Chapter, must be approved by the Chapter. No person shall be a member of a Chapter, who is not a member of this Society.

Members of the Society of Cincinnati, and sister Societies of THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION and honorary members of this Society, may be honorary members of a Chapter. Chapters may make their own By-Laws, provided they do not conflict with the Constitution and By-Laws of this Society, and further provided that they be approved by the Board of Managers.

Louisiana Society.

27 MEMBERS.

Organized May 19th, 1893. Annual meeting May 19th, to commemorate Washington's Birthday.

LIST OF OFFICERS:

President, Edgar H. Farrer, . . . New Orleans.
Senior Vice-President, Col. Marshall J. Smith, New Orleans.
Secretary, Alton H. Miller, P. O. Box 408, New Orleans.
Treasurer, John R. Conway, . . . New Orleans.
Registrar, Dr. J. Moore Soniat du Fossat, . New Orleans.
Historian, Chas. P. Dimitry, . . . New Orleans.
Chaplain, Rev. John T. Sawyer, . . . New Orleans.

Maine Society.

209 MEMBERS.

Organized March 14, 1891. Annual meeting, February 22d, to commemorate Washington's Birthday.

LIST OF OFFICERS:

President, George F. Talbot,	Portland.
Senior Vice President, Edward A. Butler,	Rockland.
Secretary, Rev. Henry S. Burrage,	Portland.
Treasurer, Eben Corey,	Portland.
Registrar, Josiah H. Drummond,	Portland.
Historian, Dr. Charles E. Banks,	Portland.
Chaplain, Rev. Francis B. Denis, D.D.,	Bangor.

Councillors:

Warren H. Vinton,	Gray.
Marcus F. King,	Portland.
William A. Goodwin,	Portland.
Brown Thurston,	Portland.
Zebulon K. Harmon,	Portland.

CONSTITUTION OF THE MAINE SOCIETY.

ARTICLE I.—NAME.

The name of this Society shall be the MAINE SOCIETY OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION.

ARTICLE II.—NATIONAL SOCIETY.

This Society is a part of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. It recognizes all State Societies of Sons of the American Revolution as co-equal and entitled to receive from this Society such assistance and information as may best promote the objects for which these Societies have been organized.

ARTICLE III.—OBJECTS.

The objects of this Society are to perpetuate the memory and the spirit of the men who achieved American Independence; to encourage historical research in relation to the American Revolution; to provide for the preservation of documents, relics, and records of the individual services of Revolutionary soldiers and patriots; to promote the celebration of patriotic anniversaries, and by these and other means to impress upon the present and future generations the patriotic spirit which actuated our ancestors and established the Republic of the United States of America.

ARTICLE IV.—MEMBERSHIP.

Any man resident in Maine, and not less than twenty-one years of age, who is descended from an ancestor who was either a military or a naval officer, soldier, sailor or official in the service of the original thirteen Colonies or States, who assisted in establishing American Independence in the War of the Revolution, shall be eligible for membership in this Society; and any man, wherever resident, who is descended from a Maine Revolutionary ancestor who performed like service, shall also be eligible.

For the purpose of making more perfect the records of our Revolutionary ancestors and their descendants, any woman of Revolutionary ancestry may file a record of her ancestors' services and of her line of descent with the Registrar of this Society, who shall send a duplicate to the Registrar General.

All applications for membership in this Society shall be made in duplicate, upon blank forms furnished by the Society. They shall be signed with the full name and address of the applicant, and shall also be signed by at least one member of the Society nominating and recommending the applicant.

ARTICLE V.—OFFICERS.

The officers of this Society shall be a President, Vice Presidents not exceeding sixteen, a Secretary, a Treasurer, a Registrar, a Librarian, a Historian, a Chaplain, and five Councillors, all of whom shall be citizens of this State; and these shall be a Board of Managers, whose duty it shall be to conduct the affairs of the Society. Five of this Board shall constitute a quorum for doing business. The Board of Managers shall have power to fill any vacancy occurring among the officers of this Society or delegates to the National Society; and officers so appointed shall serve till the next annual meeting.

ARTICLE VI.—TERMS OF OFFICE.

All officers shall be elected for one year, and shall continue in office until their successors are elected.

ARTICLE VII.—MEETINGS.

A meeting for the election of officers and the transaction of business shall be held annually in the city of Portland, on the 22d day of February, or if said day falls on Sunday, then the following day. At each annual meeting, there shall be elected one delegate at large and one delegate for each one

hundred, or fraction of one hundred exceeding fifty, members; said delegates, together with such officers as are provided for by the Constitution of that body, shall represent this Society at all meetings of the National Society.

Seven shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the Society.

The hour for holding the annual meeting, and the time and place for holding any special meeting, shall be designated by the Board of Managers.

Special meetings of the Society shall be called by the President, when directed so to do by the Board of Managers, or whenever requested in writing by fifteen or more members, on giving fifteen days' notice, specifying the time and place of such meeting and the business to be transacted.

Special meetings of the Board of Managers may be called by the President at any time, and shall be called upon the request of five members of the Board made in writing.

General business may be transacted at any special meeting of the Board of Managers or of the Society.

ARTICLE VIII.—AMENDMENTS.

This Constitution may be amended or repealed, provided written resolutions to that effect are first presented to, and approved by a majority of the Board of Managers present at any meeting of said Board; provided, said amendments are subsequently approved by a majority of the members present at any meeting of the Society; and, provided further, that whenever this Constitution is to be amended, repealed or in any way changed, notice thereof, specifying said changes in full, shall be sent to each member of the Society at least ten days before such action is to be taken.

BY-LAWS OF THE MAINE SOCIETY.

FEES AND DUES.

SECTION 1. Applicants elected shall become members of this Society upon payment of the membership fees and dues for one year. The membership fee shall be two dollars, and the annual dues one dollar. Annual dues shall be payable to the Secretary on the 22d day of February in each year. A member who shall remain in arrears for dues for three months after notice of his indebtedness has been mailed to him, directed to his last known residence, may be dropped from the rolls by the Board of Managers, and may be re-instated in his membership by said Board upon payment of his indebtedness to the Society. The payment of fifteen dollars by an active member, at any one time, shall constitute the person paying such sum a life member, and such person shall thereafter be exempt from payment of annual dues. Members may be elected by the Society or by the Board of Managers.

MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS.

SECTION 2. The regular meetings of the Board of Managers shall be held on the day of the annual meeting of the Society, and on the third Tuesday of September in each year.

PRESIDING OFFICER.

SECTION 3. The President, or in his absence one of the Vice Presidents, or in their absence a Chairman *pro tem.*, shall preside at all meetings of the Society and of the Board of Managers. The presiding officer shall preserve order and decide all questions of order, subject to appeal to the meeting.

DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY.

SECTION 4. The Secretary shall receive all money from the members, and shall pay it over to the Treasurer, taking his receipt for the same. He shall conduct the general correspondence of the Society; shall notify members of their election and of such other matters as the Society may direct. He shall have charge of the seal, and such records of the Society as are not herein given especially in charge of other officers of the Society; and, together with the presiding officer, he shall certify all acts and orders of the Society. He shall, under the direction of the President or acting President, give notice of the time and place of all meetings of the Society and of the Board of Managers, and shall give such notices of the votes, orders and proceedings of the Society as the Society or Board of Managers may direct.

DUTIES OF THE TREASURER.

SECTION 5. The Treasurer shall have charge of the permanent funds of the Society, and he shall receive all the money from the Secretary, and give his receipt for the same, which money he shall deposit in the name of the Society and shall pay out for the benefit of the Society only, in such sums as the Society or Board of Managers may direct, and upon the order of the Secretary, countersigned by the President. He shall keep a true account of his receipts and disbursements, and at each annual meeting shall make a full report to the Society. The books of the Secretary and Treasurer shall be open to the inspection of the President and Board of Managers at all times.

DUTIES OF THE REGISTRAR.

SECTION 6. The Registrar shall receive all applications and proofs of membership. He shall examine the same, and report his opinion thereon to the Board of Managers. Imperfect and incorrect applications may be returned to the applicant for correction or completion. After applications have been passed upon by the Board of Managers, he shall, if the applicant is accepted, forward one copy to the Registrar General of the National Society.

DUTIES OF THE LIBRARIAN.

SECTION 7. The Librarian shall have the custody of all historical, geographical and genealogical books, papers, manuscripts, and relics of which the Society may become possessed.

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

SECTION 8. The Board of Managers shall judge of the qualifications of applicants for membership, and shall have control of the affairs of the Society. They shall appoint an Auditing Committee. The Board of Managers shall have power to suspend or expel any member of the Society for sufficient cause by a vote

of two-thirds of the members of the Board present at any regular meeting, provided that at least two weeks' notice of such proposed action shall have been given to such member by notice mailed to him at his last known address. A member so suspended or expelled shall have the right to appeal to a meeting of the Society from the action of the Board of Managers.

DUTIES OF THE HISTORIAN.

SECTION 9. The Historian shall keep a record of all facts in connection with the Society, which he may judge to be of historic value, and shall make a report in writing at each annual meeting.

DUTIES OF THE CHAPLAIN.

SECTION 10. The Chaplain shall perform such devotional and religious duties as may be called for by the President in the course of business or exercises of the Society.

AMENDMENTS.

SECTION 11. These By-Laws shall not be altered, amended or repealed, unless said alteration or amendment shall have been proposed in writing at a previous meeting of the Board of Managers, and entered upon the records, with the name of the member proposing the change, and also adopted by a majority of the members present at a regular meeting of the Society, or at a special meeting called for that purpose.

Maryland Society.

152 Members.

Organized April 20th, 1889. Annual meeting October 19th, to commemorate the burning of the brig Peggy Stewart in Annapolis, October 19th, 1774.

LIST OF OFFICERS:

President, Wm. Ridgely Griffith, . . . Baltimore.
Senior Vice-President, Joseph Lancester Brent, Baltimore.
Secretary, John R. Dorsey, 730 Roland Ave., Baltimore.
Treasurer, A. Dallas Bache Courtenay, . . Baltimore.
Registrar, Historian, } George N. MacKenzie, . . Baltimore.
Chaplain, John G. Morris, D.D., . . . Baltimore.

Board of Managers:

The officers with the following:
Albert Clark Kenly, Baltimore.
Charles William Stockett, M.D., Baltimore.
Archibald Barklie Coulter, Baltimore.
Charles Thomas Holloway, Baltimore.
Benjamin Howell Griswold, Baltimore.

CONSTITUTION OF THE MARYLAND SOCIETY.

ARTICLE I.

The name of this Society shall be the MARYLAND SOCIETY OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, organized 20th of April, 1889.

ARTICLE II.

The purposes of the Society are to keep alive among ourselves and our descendants, and in the community, the patriotic spirit of the men who achieved American Independence; to collect and secure, for preservation and publication,

the manuscript rolls, records and other documents relating to the War of the Revolution; and to promote social intercourse and fellowship among its members.

ARTICLE III.

Any male person shall be eligible to membership in the Society who is above the age of twenty-one years, and is descended from a recognized patriot, who rendered material service to the cause of American Independence, or from an ancestor who assisted in establishing the Independence of this country during the War of the Revolution, while acting as a military or naval officer, as a soldier or a sailor, or as an official in the service of any one of the thirteen original States or Colonies, or the United States or Colonies; and no other person shall be eligible for membership.

ARTICLE IV.

The officers of the Society shall be a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, a Registrar and Historian, one Delegate-at-Large to the National Convention of the Society, an additional Delegate for each one hundred members, or for a fraction thereof exceeding fifty, and a Board of Managers, consisting of these officers *ex-officio*, and five other members, who shall have power to fill such vacancies as may, from time to time, occur among their number.

ARTICLE V.

This Constitution shall be altered, amended or repealed only by a vote of three-fourths of the members of the Society present at a regular meeting, or at a special meeting called for the purpose of such alteration, amendment or repeal, after five days' notice in writing shall have been given of such meeting.

BY-LAWS OF THE MARYLAND SOCIETY.

SECTION 1. Members shall be elected as follows: Candidates may send their names and documents, or other proofs of qualifications for membership, to the Secretary, and upon a favorable report from the Board of Managers, and after payment of the initiation fee and first annual dues, shall thereupon become members of the Society.

SECTION 2. The initiation fee shall be five dollars and the annual dues three dollars, or the payment at one time of fifty dollars shall constitute a life member, and the member so paying shall be exempt from the payment of annual dues.

SECTION 3. This Society shall hold its annual meetings on October 19th, "Peggy Stewart Day," the anniversary of the burning of the brig Peggy Stewart off Windmill Point, Annapolis, October 19th, 1774, at which a general election of officers by ballot shall take place, except when such date shall fall on Sunday, in which event the meeting shall be held on the following day. In such election a majority of the ballots given for any officer shall constitute a choice, no proxies

being allowed; but if, on the first ballot no person shall receive such majority, then a further balloting shall take place, in which a plurality of votes given for any officer shall determine the choice.

SECTION 4. At all meetings of the Society, five members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

SECTION 5. The President, or in his absence the Vice President, or in his absence a Chairman *pro tempore*, shall preside at all meetings of the Society. He shall preserve order, and shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Society.

SECTION 6. The Secretary shall conduct the general correspondence of the Society. He shall notify all members of their election, and of such other matters as he may be directed by the Society. He shall have charge of the seal, certificate of incorporation, by-laws and records of the Society. He, together with the presiding officer, shall certify all acts of the Society. He shall, under the directions of the President or Vice-President, give due notice of the time and place of all meetings of the Society, and attend the same. He shall keep fair and accurate records of all the proceedings and orders of the Society; shall give notice to the several officers of all votes, orders, resolves and proceedings of the Society affecting them or appertaining to their respective duties, and shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Constitution and By-Laws of the National Society.

SECTION 7. The Treasurer shall collect and keep the funds and securities of the Society. They shall be deposited in some bank or savings institute in this State to the credit of The Maryland Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, and shall be drawn thence on the check of the Treasurer for the purposes of the Society only. Out of these funds he shall pay such sums only as may be ordered by the Society or by the Board of Managers. He shall keep a true account of his receipts and disbursements, and at each annual meeting shall render the same to the Society, when a committee shall be appointed to audit his accounts; and shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Constitution or By-Laws of the National Society.

SECTION 8. If, from the annual report of the Treasurer, there shall appear to be a balance against the Society, no appropriation of money shall be made for any object but the necessary current expenses of the Society, until such balance shall be paid.

SECTION 9. The Registrar and Historian shall, if practicable, be a member of the Maryland Historical Society. He shall keep a roll of members, shall have the custody of all the proofs of membership qualification, and all the historical and geographical papers, manuscript or other, of which the Society may become possessed; he shall, under the direction of the Board of Managers, for adequate compensation, copy such similar documents as the owners thereof may not be willing to leave permanently in the keeping of the Society; and shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Constitution or By-Laws of the National Society.

SECTION 10. The Board of Managers shall have power to judge of the qualifications of the candidates for admission to the Society and elect the same. They

shall have charge of all special meetings of the Society, and shall, through the Secretary, call special meetings at any time, upon the written request of five members of the Society, and at such other times as they see fit. They shall recommend plans for promoting the objects of the Society, shall digest and prepare business, and shall authorize the disbursement and expenditure of unappropriated money in the treasury for the payment of the current expenses of the Society. They shall generally superintend the interests of the Society and execute all such duties as may be committed to them by the Society. At each annual meeting of the Society they shall make a general report. At all meetings of the Board of Managers five or more shall be sufficient for the transaction of business.

SECTION 11. Ayes and noes shall be called at any meeting of the Society upon the demand of five members.

SECTION 12. No alteration of the By-Laws of the Society shall be made unless such alteration shall have been openly proposed at a previous meeting and entered in the minutes with the name of the member proposing the same, and shall be adopted by a majority of the members present at a meeting of the Society.

Massachusetts Society.

630 MEMBERS.

Organized April 19th, 1889. Annual meeting April 19th, to commemorate the Battle of Lexington and Concord.

LIST OF OFFICERS:

President, Edwin Shepard Barrett,	Concord.
Vice President, Edward Jacob Forster,	Boston.
Vice President, Henry Cabot Lodge,	Nahant.
Vice President, Nathan Appleton,	Boston.
Secretary, Herbert Wood Kimball,	Boston.
Registrar, Francis Henry Brown,	Boston.
Treasurer, Charles Montraville Green,	Boston.
Historian, Charles Kimball Darling,	Boston.
Chaplain, Rev. Carlton Albert Staples,	Lexington.

Board of Managers:

James Madison Barker,	Pittsfield.
Benjamin Apthorp Gould,	Cambridge.
Charles Hicks Saunders,	Cambridge.
William Butler Clarke,	Boston.
Allan Rogers,	Gloucester.
Reuben Law Reed,	Acton.
Walter Lincoln Bouvé,	Hingham.
Charles Wallingford Parker,	Boston.
Alfred Seelye Roe,	Worcester.

CONSTITUTION OF THE MASSACHUSETTS SOCIETY.

ARTICLE I.—NAME.

The name of this Society shall be "THE MASSACHUSETTS SOCIETY OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION."

ARTICLE II.—OBJECTS.

The objects of the Society are, to perpetuate the memory and spirit of the men who achieved American Independence, by the encouragement of historical

research in relation to the Revolution and the publication of its results, the preservation of documents and relics, and of the records of the individual services of Revolutionary soldiers and patriots, and the promotion of celebrations of all patriotic anniversaries; to carry out the injunction of Washington in his farewell address to the American people; "to promote, as an object of primary importance, institutions for the general diffusion of knowledge," thus developing an enlightened public opinion, and affording to young and old such advantages as shall develop in them the largest capacity for performing the duties of American citizens; to cherish, maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom; to foster true patriotism and love of country; and to aid in securing for mankind all the blessings of liberty.

ARTICLE III.—MEMBERSHIP.

Any man is eligible for membership who is of the age of twenty-one years, and who is descended from an ancestor who, with unfailing loyalty, rendered material aid to the cause of American Independence, as a soldier or a seaman, or a civil officer in one of the several Colonies or States, or of the United Colonies, or States, as a recognized patriot; provided that he shall be found worthy.

ARTICLE IV.—OFFICERS.

The officers of the Society shall be a President, three Vice Presidents, a Secretary, a Treasurer, a Registrar, a Historian, a Chaplain and a Board of Managers, consisting of fifteen members and the officers of the Society *ex-officio*. The Society or Managers shall also elect a Delegate at Large, and such other Delegates as it may be entitled to by the Constitution of the National Society.

ARTICLE V.—QUORUM.

A quorum of the Society for the transaction of business shall consist of ten members; of the Managers, five members; but a less number may adjourn.

ARTICLE VI.—AMENDMENTS.

This Constitution or the By-Laws may be altered or amended at any meeting of the Society, by a vote of three-fourths of the members present; provided that notice of such intended alteration or amendment be borne on the notification of said meeting.

BY-LAWS OF THE MASSACHUSETTS SOCIETY.

ARTICLE I.—MEMBERSHIP.

SECTION 1. Applications for membership must be made in duplicate on blanks furnished by the Society, and, with the initiation fee and dues for the current year, be forwarded to the Secretary, the money to be returned in case of rejection.

SECTION 2. The applicant shall become a member after a favorable report and election by the Managers.

SECTION 3. The initiation fee shall be one dollar; the annual dues, two dollars, payable in advance. The payment of twenty-five dollars at one time shall onstitute a life member and shall exempt from further dues.

SECTION 4. Any member failing to pay his annual dues for two consecutive years may forfeit his membership upon vote of the Managers.

SECTION 5. Members in arrears shall be debarred from the privileges of membership.

SECTION 6. By recommendation of the Managers and a two-thirds vote of the Society, a member may be dropped from the Register.

SECTION 7. Any member may resign, if his dues are all paid, by simply notifying the Registrar in writing.

SECTION 8. Members, in good standing, may be transferred to another Society, on application from the same; and members in good standing in other Societies, may, on application, be admitted to membership in this Society, by vote of the Managers.

ARTICLE II.—ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND MEETINGS.

SECTION 1—The officers shall be elected by ballot at the annual meeting, and a majority shall be required for choice. Proxies shall not be allowed. The term of office shall be for one year, and until a successor shall be elected. Vacancies occurring during the year shall be filled by the Managers.

SECTION 2. The Society shall hold its annual meeting on the 19th of April in each year, the anniversary of the Battles of Lexington and Concord, except when such date shall fall on Sunday, in which event the meeting shall be held on the following day.

SECTION 3. Special meetings shall be held on request of five members or by vote of the Managers.

SECTION 4. The following shall be the order of business for the meetings of the Society or Managers.

1. Reading of the records.
2. Communications, and action thereon.
3. Reports of standing committees.
4. Reports of special committees.
5. Reports of officers.
6. Unfinished business.
7. New business.

This order may be changed by unanimous consent,

ARTICLE III.—DUTIES OF OFFICERS, ETC.

PRESIDENT.

SECTION 1. The President, or in his absence the senior Vice President present, or in their absence a chairman *pro tempore*, shall preside at all meetings of the Society or Managers. He shall preserve order, and shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Society or Managers.

SECRETARY.

SECTION 2. The Secretary shall notify all members of their election and of such other matters as may be directed by the Society or Managers. He shall have charge of the seal, certificate of incorporation and records. He, together with

the presiding officer, shall certify all acts of the Society. He shall give due notice of time and place of all meetings of the Society or Managers, and attend the same. He shall keep fair and accurate records of all the proceedings and orders of the Society or Managers, and shall give notice to the several officers of all votes, orders, resolves and proceedings of the Society or Managers affecting them or appertaining to their respective duties, and generally perform the duties incumbent upon such an officer.

TREASURER.

SECTION 3. The Treasurer shall have custody of all funds and securities of the Society. He shall collect all moneys due the Society, excepting initiation fees and annual dues. He shall deposit in a reliable bank or savings institution, to the credit of THE MASSACHUSETTS SOCIETY OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, all uninvested funds, and make such investments in the name of the Society as may be ordered by the Society or Managers. He shall keep an assessment account, crediting each member with the amount paid over by the Registrar. He shall pay to the Treasurer General, between the first day of March and the annual meeting, the *per capita* tax required by the National Society. He shall keep a true acccount of his receipts and expenditures. He shall not pay out any money from the treasury, except upon the written order or approval of the President or upon vote of the Society or Managers.

REGISTRAR.

SECTION 4. The Registrar shall keep a register of the names and dates of election, transfer, resignation and death of all members, collect all initiation fees and annual dues, and pay the same to the Treasurer forthwith. He shall forward to the Registrar General of the National Society a duplicate of all applications for membership which have been accepted, within one week after the applicants shall have been elected. He shall issue certificates of membership and insignia to members entitled thereto.

HISTORIAN.

SECTION 5. The Historian shall have the care and custody of all historical geographical, and genealogical papers, manuscripts and documents belonging to the Society, and keep a correct list of the same. At the annual meeting he shall report the names of deceased members, adding a biographical notice if possible. He shall endeavor to be present at all excursions of the Society, and call attention to and give information regarding points of historic interest.

REPORTS.

SECTION 6. The Secretary, Treasurer and Registrar shall each render an annual report to be read at the annual meeting. Such reports must first be presented to the Managers at their meeting in April.

BONDS.

SECTION 7. The Treasurer and Registrar shall each give such bond for the faithful discharge of his respective duties as may be required by the Managers.

AUDITORS.

SECTION 8. The Managers shall, at least one month before the annual meeting, appoint three Auditors, who shall examine and audit the books and accounts of the Treasurer and Registrar, and report at the annual meeting.

ARTICLE IV.—BOARD OF MANAGERS.

SECTION 1. The Managers shall judge of the qualifications of candidates for admission to the Society and vote upon the same.

SECTION 2. They shall appoint from their own number the following Standing Committees, of three members each:

Membership (To whom all applications shall be referred),
Finance,
Publication and Printing,

and such other committees as they may deem advisable.

Their duties shall be such as usually pertain to committees of like character and such as may be defined by the Managers.

SECTION 3. They shall recommend plans for promoting the objects of the Society, and shall authorize the disbursement and expenditure of unappropriated money in the treasury for the payment of current expenses of the Society. In general, they shall watch over the interests of the Society, and suggest from time to time such measures as they deem conducive to its prosperity.

SECTION 5. The Managers shall meet quarterly on the first Thursday in January, April, July and October, and whenever called by the President, or at the request of three members.

Michigan Society.

71 MEMBERS.

Organized January 18th, 1890. Regular meeting, April 16th. Biennially.

LIST OF OFFICERS:

President, Henry B. Ledyard, ... Detroit.
Second Vice President, R. Storrs Willis, . . Detroit.
Secretary, Henry S. Sibley, ... Detroit.
Treasurer, Fitz-Hugh Edwards, . . . Detroit.

CONSTITUTION OF THE MICHIGAN SOCIETY.

ARTICLE I.

The name of this Society shall be THE MICHIGAN SOCIETY OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION.

ARTICLE II.

The object and purpose of this Society is to keep alive among ourselves and our descendants the patriotic spirit of the men who, in military, naval or civil service, by their acts or counsel achieved American Independence; to collect and secure for preservation the manuscript, rolls, records and other documents relating to the War of the Revolution, and to promote social intercourse and good feeling among the members, now and hereafter.

ARTICLE III.

Any male person shall be eligible for membership in this Society who is a resident of Michigan, or who is descended from a Revolutionary ancestor wherever resident, who is of the age of twenty-one, and whose ancestor was either a military or naval officer, soldier or sailor, or an official in the service of any one of the thirteen original Colonies or States, who assisted in establishing American Independence during the War of the Revolution, or a member of a Committee of Correspondence or of Public Safety, or a recognized patriot who rendered material service in the cause of American Independence.

ARTICLE IV.

The officers of this Society shall be a President, Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and a Registrar; the office of Registrar and Treasurer can be held by the same person.

ARTICLE V.

A meeting for the election of officers and transaction of business shall be held biennially, in the City of Detroit, on the 15th day of April, and a meeting for social purposes shall be held annually at such time and place as the Board of Managers may determine.

At each biennial meeting there shall be elected, in addition to the officers provided for in Article IV., one Delegate at Large and one Delegate for each one hundred, or fraction of one hundred exceeding fifty, members, who, together with such officers as are provided for in the Constitution of the National Society, shall represent this Society in the National Society.

ARTICLE VI.

There shall be a Board of Managers whose duty it shall be to conduct the affairs of this Society, which Board shall consist of the officers of this Society, the Delegates to the National Society and fifteen others, who shall be elected at the biennial meeting.

ARTICLE VII.

This Constitution may be amended, altered or repealed, provided written resolutions to that effect are first presented to the Board of Managers and approved by a two thirds vote of the members present at any regular meeting of said Board, or at a special meeting called for that purpose; and provided said amendments are approved by a majority of the members present at any regular meeting of the Society.

BY-LAWS OF THE MICHIGAN SOCIETY.

SECTION 1. All applications for membership in this Society shall be upon blank forms furnished by the Society, and each application shall be accompanied by the membership fee, which shall be returned if the applicant is not accepted.

SECTION 2. All applications for membership shall be submitted to the Registrar for examination, and shall be reported by him to the Board of Managers, and when approved by said Board shall be returned to the Registrar for preservation, and upon payment of membership fee the applicant shall become a member of the Society.

SECTION 3. The membership fee shall be one dollar, and yearly dues two dollars. The payment of fifty dollars by a member at any one time, shall constitute the person paying such sum a life member, and he shall thereafter be exempt from the payment of annual dues. Annual dues shall be paid to the Secretary on or before the first day of January in each year. The Secretary shall notify members three months in arrears, and report their names to the Board of Managers, and non-payment of dues in three months thereafter, shall, at the option of the Managers, be regarded as terminating the membership of such person.

SECTION 4. The members of this Society shall meet in the City of Detroit, on the 15th day of April, 1893, and biennially thereafter, for the election of offi-

cers and the transaction of the business of this Society. In case said day shall fall upon Sunday, the meeting shall be held on the following day. In the election of officers, a majority of the ballots cast shall be necessary for a choice.

SECTION 5. The regular meeting of the Board of Managers shall be held upon the morning of the fifteenth day of April in each year, at 10:30 A. M.; special meetings may be called by the President at any time, and shall be called upon the request of any three members of the Board of Managers. Three (3) members of the Board of Managers shall constitute a quorum at a meeting of said Board. Five (5) members of the Society shall constitute a quorum at a meeting of said Society.

SECTION 6. The Secretary shall receive all moneys from the members, and shall pay it over to the Treasurer, taking his receipt for the same, and perform the usual duties of a Secretary.

SECTION 7. The Treasurer shall deposit all moneys in the name of the Society, and shall pay out nothing except upon receipted orders which have been approved by the Managers.

SECTION 8. The members of the Board of Managers shall be elected in the same manner and at the same time as is provided for the election of officers. They shall judge of the qualifications of applicants for membership, and shall have control and management of the affairs of the Society. They shall appoint an Auditing Committee. They may call special meetings at any time, and shall call a special meeting upon the written request of any five members of the Society. They shall also have power to fill vacancies.

SECTION 9. The Registrar shall receive all applications and proofs of membership after they have been passed upon by the Board of Managers, and shall make a record of the same in a book of forms prepared for that purpose, and shall forward duplicates to the Registrar General. He shall also have the custody of all the historical, geographical and genealogical papers, books, manuscripts and relics of which the Society may become possessed.

SECTION 10. These By-Laws shall not be altered nor amended, unless such alteration or amendment shall have been proposed in writing at a previous meeting of the Board of Managers and entered upon the records, with the name of the member proposing the change, and adopted by a majority of the members present at a regular meeting of the Society, or at a special meeting called for that purpose.

Minnesota Society.

353 MEMBERS.

Organized December 26th, 1889. Annual meeting December 26th, to commemorate the anniversary of the battle of Trenton.

LIST OF OFFICERS:

President, Albert Edgerton, ... St. Paul.
Vice-Presidents, { George A. Pillsbury, . . Minneapolis.
S. J. R. McMillan, . . St. Paul.
Honorary Vice Presidents, { Alexander Ramsey, . St. Paul.
Rensselaer R. Nelson, St. Paul.
Henry P. Upham, . St. Paul.
Daniel R. Noyes, . St. Paul.
William D. Washburn, Minn.
Secretary, Edwin S. Chittenden, . . . St. Paul.
Assistant Secretary, Winthrop S. G. Noyes, . St. Paul.
Treasurer, William P. Jewett, . . . St. Paul.
Registrar and Historian, William H. Grant, 194 Pleasant Ave., ... St. Paul.
Chaplain, Rev. Edward C. Mitchell, . . St. Paul.

Board of Managers:

Gen. John B. Sanborn, . . St. Paul.
Gen. William J. Hahn, . . Minneapolis.
Hiram F. Stevens, . . . St. Paul.
Albee Smith, ... Minneapolis.
William Bucknum, . . St. Paul.
Nathan F. Warner, . . . Minneapolis.
Giles W. Merrill, . . . St. Paul.
Samuel E. Adams, . . . Minneapolis.
Alfred S. Tallmadge, . . . St. Paul.
Elwood S. Corser, . . . Minneapolis.

Dr. Alex. T. Bigelow,	St. Paul.
Charles E. Lovett,	Duluth.
Henry S. Goff,	Minneapolis.
Rev. E. P. Chittenden,	Winona.
William H. Lightner,	St. Paul.
Dr. Thos. E. Clark,	Stillwater.
Daniel Buck,	Mankato.
Calvin R. Brown,	Morris.
Francis M. Crosby,	Hastings.
Gen. James H. Baker,	Garden City.

CONSTITUTION OF THE MINNESOTA SOCIETY.

ARTICLE I.

The name of this Society shall be THE MINNESOTA SOCIETY OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION.

ARTICLE II.

The object and purpose of this Society is to keep alive among ourselves and our descendants the patriotic spirit of men who, in military, naval or civil service, by their acts or counsel achieved American Independence; to collect and secure for preservation, the manuscript rolls, records and other documents relating to the War of the Revolution, and to promote social intercourse and good feeling among its members now and hereafter.

ARTICLE III.

Any male person shall be eligible for membership in this Society who is descended from a Revolutionary ancestor and who is of the age of twenty-one years, and whose ancestor was either a military or naval officer, soldier or sailor, or an official in the service of any one of the thirteen original Colonies or States, or a recognized patriot who rendered material service in the cause of Independence.

ARTICLE IV.

The officers of this Society shall be a President, two Vice Presidents, five Honorary Vice Presidents, a Secretary, a Treasurer, a Registrar, and a Historian; provided that the offices of Secretary, Registrar and Historian, or any two of them, may be vested in one person.

ARTICLE V.

A meeting for the election of officers and transaction of business shall be held annually, in the City of St. Paul, on the 26th day of December of each year; and a meeting for social purposes shall be held annually at such time and place as the Board of Managers may determine, the same to be held, as far as practicable, upon the anniversary of some event in Revolutionary history.

At each annual meeting there shall be elected, in addition to the officers provided for in Article IV., one delegate at large and one delegate for each one hundred, or fraction of one hundred exceeding fifty, members, who, together with such officers as are provided for by the Constitution of the National Society, shall represent this Society in the National Society.

In case of failure to elect said delegates as above provided, or their alternates, the President may appoint the same; and in case of the death or resignation of any officer of said Society, his successor shall be elected by the Board of Managers, to hold his position until the next annual meeting of the Society.

ARTICLE VI.

There shall be a Board of Managers whose duty it shall be to conduct the affairs of this Society, which Board shall consist of the officers of this Society and twenty other members of the Society, who shall be elected at the annual meeting.

ARTICLE VII.

All ex-Presidents of said Society shall be, by virtue of their having held the office of President, Past Presidents of said Society.

ARTICLE VIII.

This Constitution may be amended, altered or repealed provided written resolutions to that effect are first presented to the Board of Managers and approved by a two thirds vote of the members present at any regular meetings of said Board, or at a special meeting called for that purpose; and provided said amendments are approved by a majority of the members present at any regular or special meeting of the Society.

BY-LAWS OF THE MINNESOTA SOCIETY.

SECTION 1. All applications for membership in this Society shall be upon blank forms furnished by the Society, and each application shall be accompanied by the membership fee, which shall be returned if the applicant is not accepted.

SECTION 2. All applications for membership shall be submitted to the Registrar for examination, and shall be reported by him to the Board of Managers, and when the same shall be approved by said Board of Managers, the Secretary shall enter upon the records of said Society the fact of the election of such applicant to membership, and shall notify said member of his election, and said application shall be then returned to the Registrar for preservation; and upon payment of the membership fees and dues for the first fiscal year (or part thereof as provided in Section 3), the applicant thereof shall become a member of this Society.

SECTION 3. The membership fee shall be two dollars, and the annual dues two dollars. Provided, that if any member shall join said Society during the last six months of any fiscal year, he shall be required to pay one dollar only on account of the yearly dues for that current year.

The payment of fifty dollars by a member at any one time shall constitute the person paying such sum a life member, and he shall thereafter be exempt from the payment of annual dues.

Annual dues shall be payable to the Treasurer on or before the first day of January in each year. The Treasurer shall notify persons who are three months in arrears, and in case the member so notified shall not make payment of said dues within three months thereafter, said Treasurer shall report at the ensuing meeting of the Society the names of all members who shall then be six months or more in arrears, and this Society may direct the names of said members to be stricken from the rolls thereof.

SECTION 4. The members of this Society shall meet in the City of St. Paul annually, on the 26th day of December, for the purpose of electing officers and transacting the business of this Society. In case said day shall fall on Sunday, the meeting shall be held on the following day. In the election of officers a majority of the ballots cast shall be necessary for a choice; and fifteen members of the Society shall constitute a quorum thereof for the transaction of business or election of officers at any meeting of said Society.

SECTION 5. The Society shall hold an annual meeting for the purpose of celebrating some event in Revolutionary history, the time and place for holding such annual meeting to be determined by the Board of Managers; and said Board shall also determine the manner of such celebration, which shall include an oration, a poem, and a dinner, whenever practicable.

SECTION 6. The regular meetings of the Board of Managers of this Society shall be held upon the third Tuesday of January, April, July and October of each year, and special meetings thereof may be called by the President at any time; and shall be called upon the request of any three members of said Board. Five members of said Board shall constitute a quorum at any meeting thereof; but a less number than a quorum of said Managers or members, at a meeting of said Board or of said Society may adjourn a meeting of said Board or of said Society from time to time, until a quorum thereof is obtained.

SECTION 7. The President, or, in his absence, the Vice President, or, in their absence, a chairman *pro tem.*, shall preside at all meetings of the Society and of the Board of Managers, and shall have a casting vote. The presiding officer shall preserve order, and shall decide all questions of order, subject to appeal to the meeting.

SECTION 8. The Secretary shall conduct the general correspondence of the Society and shall notify members of their election and of such matters as the Society may direct. He shall have charge of the seal and of such records of the Society as are not herein given especially in charge of other officers of the Society. Together with the presiding officer, he shall certify all acts and orders of the Society. He shall, under direction of the President or acting President, give notice of the time and place of all meetings of the Society and of the Board of Managers, and shall attend the same. He shall keep accurate reports of the meetings of the Society and of the Board of Managers, and shall give such notices of the votes, orders, and proceedings of the Society as the Society and Board of Managers shall direct.

SECTION 9. The Treasurer shall collect all dues and money becoming due or owing to said Society, and shall give his receipt for the same; which moneys so collected he shall deposit in some responsible bank, in the name of the Society,

and shall pay out for the benefit of the Society only, in such sums as the Society or Board of Managers shall direct, and upon the order of the Secretary, countersigned by the President. He shall keep a true account of his receipts and disbursements, and at each annual meeting and at such other times as required by the Board of Managers, shall make a full report to said Society or to said Board. The books and papers of the Secretary and Treasurer shall be open at all times to the inspection of the President, the Board of Managers and to the Auditing Committee.

SECTION 10. The members of the Board of Managers shall be elected in the same manner and at the same time as is provided for the election of officers. They shall judge of the qualifications of applicants for membership, and shall have control and management of the affairs of the Society. They shall appoint an Auditing Committee. They may call special meetings at any time, and shall call a special meeting upon the written request of five members of the Society. They shall also have power to fill vacancies.

SECTION 11. The Registrar shall receive all applications and proofs for membership in this Society, from the Secretary after they have been passed upon by the Board of Management, and shall preserve the same in such a way as may be directed by the Society or Board of Managers. He shall also have the custody of all the historical, geographical and genealogical papers, books, manuscripts and relics of which the Society may become possessed.

He shall receive for his services such compensation as may be allowed by the Board of Managers, together with his proper disbursements, the same to be audited as all other claims against the Society are audited, and he shall make a report in writing at each annual meeting of said Society.

SECTION 12. These By-Laws shall not be altered nor amended unless such alteration or amendment shall have been proposed in writing at a previous meeting of the Board of Managers and entered upon the records, with the name of the member proposing the change and adopted by a majority of the members present at a regular meeting of the Society or at a special meeting called for that purpose.

Missouri Society.

102 MEMBERS.

Organized April 23d, 1889. Annual meeting February 22d, to commemorate Washington's Birthday.

LIST OF OFFICERS:

President, George E. Leighton, Rialto Bldg., St. Louis.

Vice Presidents,
- Gains Paddock, (Senior) 3635 Washington Avenue, St. Louis.
- Clark H. Sampson, 705 Locust Street, St. Louis.
- John L. RoBards, Hannibal.
- E. O. Stanard, Laclede Nat'l Bank, St. Louis.

Secretary, George H. Shields, Jr., 704 Commercial Bldg., St. Louis.
Treasurer, Wayman C. McCreery, Security Bldg., St. Louis.
Registrar, John M. Fulton, 1209 Olive Street, St. Louis.
Historian, George A. Castleman, 417 Pine Street, St. Louis.
Chaplain, Rev. Samuel J. Niccalls, 2651 Washington Street, St. Louis.

Board of Managers:

Josiah Fogg, Chairman.

M. M. Yeakle, Sr.,	A. B. Cole,
Robert B. Clark,	James K. Hosmer,
Jonas Clark,	W. C. Stamps,
Edward S. Lewis,	John M. Fulton,
M. A. Lindsley,	Victor Gibson,
Harmon J. Bliss,	Charles E. Briggs.

CONSTITUTION OF THE MISSOURI SOCIETY.

ARTICLE I.

The name of the Society shall be "THE MISSOURI SOCIETY OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION."

ARTICLE II.

The purposes of the Society are to keep alive among ourselves and our descendants, and in the community, the patriotic spirit of the men who, in military, naval or civil service, by their acts or counsel, achieved American Independence; to collect and secure for preservation the manuscript rolls, records and other documents relating to the War of the Revolution; and to promote social intercourse and fellowship among its members.

ARTICLE III.

Any person shall be eligible for membership in the Society who is above the age of twenty-one (21) years, a resident of the State of Missouri, and who is descended from an ancestor that assisted, while acting in any of the following capacities, in establishing American Independence during the War of the Revolution:

A Military or Naval Officer.

A Soldier or Sailor.

An Official in the service of any of the thirteen original States or Colonies.

An Official in the service of the United States or Colonies.

A recognized patriot who rendered valuable service to the cause of Independence,

and who shall be recommended by two members of the Society.

ARTICLE IV.

The officers of the Society shall be a President, four (4) Vice Presidents, a Secretary, a Treasurer, a Registrar, an Historian, a Chaplain, and a Board of Managers, consisting of nine (9) elective members and the Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar and Historian, *ex-officio*.

ARTICLE V.

This Constitution may be altered or amended by a vote of three fourths of the members of the Society present at a regular meeting or special meeting called for the purpose of such alteration or amendment, after five days' notice in writing given to each member.

BY-LAWS OF THE MISSOURI SOCIETY.

SECTION 1. Members shall be elected as follows: Candidates may send their names and documents or other proof of qualification for membership to the Registrar, who shall submit such application to the Board of Managers, and upon a favorable

report the Board may elect, provided two thirds of the Board present concur. After such an election, and upon payment by the applicant of the initiation fee to the Treasurer, the name of the applicant shall be certified to the Registrar, whose duty it shall be to enter said name upon the rolls of the Society, and so notify the new member.

SECTION 2. The initiation fee shall be one dollar ($1.00), the annual dues two dollars ($2.00), payable semi-annually, on the first day of April and the first day of October; or the payment at one time of fifty dollars ($50.00) shall constitute a life member, and the member so paying shall be exempt from the payment of annual dues.

SECTION 3. The Society shall hold an annual meeting on the 22d day of February, 1892, the anniversary of the birth of George Washington, and in each and every year thereafter, at which a general election of officers by ballot shall take place, except when such date shall fall on Sunday, in which event the meeting shall be held on the following day. In such election a majority of ballots given for any officer shall constitute a choice; but if, on the first ballot, no person shall receive such majority, then a further balloting shall take place in which a plurality of votes given for any officer shall determine the choice.

SECTION 4. At all meetings of the Society five (5) members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

SECTION 5. The President, or in his absence, one of the Vice Presidents, or in their absence a chairman *pro tempore*, shall preside at all meetings of the Society. He shall preserve order, and shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Society.

SECTION 6. The Secretary shall conduct the general correspondence of the Society, and shall notify the members of such other matters as may be directed by the Society. He shall have charge of the seal, certificate of incorporation, By-Laws and records of meetings of the Society. He, together with the presiding officer, shall certify all acts of the Society. He shall, under the direction of the President or Vice President, give due notice of the time and place of all meetings of the Society, and attend the same. He shall keep fair and accurate records of all the proceedings and orders of the Society.

SECTION 7. The Treasurer shall collect and keep the funds and securities of the Society; they shall be deposited in some bank or savings institution in the State to the credit of "THE MISSOURI SOCIETY OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION," and shall be drawn thence on the check of the Treasurer for the purposes of the Society only. Out of these funds he shall pay such sums only as may be ordered by the Board of Managers. He shall keep a true account of his receipts and payments, and at each annual meeting render the same to the Society, when a committee shall be appointed to audit his accounts.

SECTION 8. If, from the annual report of the Treasurer, there shall appear to be a balance against the Treasurer, no appropriation of money shall be made for any object but the necessary current expenses of the Society, until such balance be paid.

SECTION 9. The Board of Managers shall be thirteen, namely, nine elective members and the Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar, Historian, *ex-officio*.

They shall judge of the qualification of the candidates for admission to the Society, and elect the same. They shall have charge of all special meetings of the Society, and shall, through the Secretary, call special meetings at any time, upon the written request of five members of the Society, and at such other times as they see fit. They shall recommend plans for promoting the objects of the Society, shall digest and prepare business, and shall authorize the disbursement and expenditure of unappropriated money in the treasury for the payment of current expenses of the Society. They shall generally superintend the interests of the Society, and execute all such duties as may be committed to them by the Society, and shall make at each annual meeting of the Society a general report. At all meetings of the Board of Managers, five or more shall be sufficient for the transaction of business.

SECTION 10. The Registrar shall keep a roll of members and notify all members of their election. He shall be custodian of all the proofs of membership qualification, and all the historical and geographical papers, manuscript or other, of which the Society may become possessed; and who, under the direction of the Board of Managers, shall, for adequate compensation, keep a copy of such similar documents as the owners thereof may not be willing to leave permanently in the keeping of the Society. Such Registrar, if practicable, shall be a member of the Missouri Historical Society.

Montana Society.

22 MEMBERS.

Organized June 5th, 1894. Annual meeting June 17th, to commemorate the Battle of Bunker Hill.

LIST OF OFFICERS:

President, Decius S. Wade, . . . Helena.
Senior Vice President, John C. Dent, . Ft. Assiniboine.
Secretary, Robert H. Howey, . . . Helena.
Treasurer, James U. Sanders, . . . Helena.
Registrar, Cephas C. Bateman, . . Ft. Assiniboine.

Board of Managers:

Decius S. Wade, President, *ex-officio*, . . Helena.
John C. Dent, Vice President, *ex-officio*, Ft. Assiniboine.
R. H. Howey, Secretary, *ex-officio*, . . . Helena.
James U. Sanders, Treasurer, *ex-officio*, . . Helena.
Chaplain Cephas C. Bateman, Registrar, *ex-officio*, Ft. Assiniboine.
Charles J. Brackett, ... Helena.
J. B. Collins, ... Miles City.
Arthur J. Craven, ... Helena.
Cornelius Hedges, ... Helena.
Alan B. Murray, ... Cokedale.
Charles T. Perry, ... Helena.
James L. Rodgers, ... Ft. Assiniboine.
Frederick Dent Sharpe, . . . Ft. Assiniboine.
Louis A. Walker, ... Helena.
Almar P. Webster, ... Helena.

CONSTITUTION OF THE MONTANA SOCIETY.

ARTICLE I.—NAME.

The name of this Society shall be "The Montana Society of the Sons of the American Revolution."

ARTICLE II.—OBJECT.

The purposes of this Society are to keep alive among ourselves and our descendants, and in the community, the patriotic spirit of the men who achieved American Independence; to collect and secure for preservation the manuscript rolls, records and other documents relating to the War of the Revolution; and to promote social intercourse and fellowship among its members.

ARTICLE III.—MEMBERSHIP.

Any person shall be eligible to membership who is a male above the age of twenty-one (21) years, and is descended from an ancestor who assisted in establishing American Independence, during the War of the Revolution, in any one of the following capacities:

1. A military or naval officer.

2. A soldier, sailor or marine.

3. A member of a Committee of Correspondence, or Council of Safety or other similar body.

4. A member of a Provincial, or of the Continental Congress.

5. An officer in the service of one of the original Colonies or States, or of the National Government representing or composed of these Colonies or States. Provided, that such service was of so important a character as to render the official specially liable to arrest and punishment by the British Government.

6. Any recognized patriot actually arrested and punished for giving aid and comfort to the patriotic cause. Provided, that if such ancestor, having assisted in establishing American Independence in any of the above capacities, either adhered to the enemy or failed to maintain an honorable record throughout the War of the Revolution, his previous service shall not entitle his descendants to membership in this Society. And provided further, that no person shall be admitted to membership unless at least one member of the Society, or some well known citizen of Montana, shall state in writing his belief that the applicant for admission is of good moral character, and would be a worthy member of the Society.

ARTICLE IV.—OFFICERS.

1. The officers of the Society shall be a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer and a Registrar, who, with ten other members, shall constitute a Board of Managers.

2. The Officers and Managers, and Delegates to the National Society shall be elected by a vote of the majority of the members present at the annual meetings of the Society, and shall hold office for one year, or until their successors are elected.

3. The Board of Managers shall fill any vacancy occurring among the Officers of the Society, or the members of the Board, or the Delegates to the National Society.

4. In addition to the officers above provided for, the Board of Managers may from time to time, appoint a Chaplain, a Historian, and such subordinate officers as they may deem necessary, who shall hold office until the annual meeting next succeeding their appointment.

ARTICLE V.—MEETINGS.

1. The annual meeting shall be held on the 17th day of June, the anniversary of the battle of Bunker Hill, in every year, except when that date shall fall on Sunday or Monday, in which case the meeting shall be held on the Tuesday immediately following.

2. The hour and place of meeting shall be designated by the Board of Managers.

3. Special meetings may be called by the President, or Board of Managers, at any time. The President shall call a special meeting whenever requested in writing so to do by five or more members.

4. Seven members shall constitute a quorum at all meetings.

5. General business may be transacted at any special meeting.

ARTICLE VI.—AMENDMENTS.

Amendments to this Constitution may be offered to any meeting of the Society, but shall not be acted on until the next meeting. A copy of every proposed amendment shall be sent to each member, with a notice of the meeting at which the same is to be acted on, at least one week prior to said meeting. A vote of two-thirds of those present shall be necessary to its adoption.

BY-LAWS OF THE MONTANA SOCIETY.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS.

SECTION 1. 1—The names and proofs of qualification of candidates for membership shall be sent to the Secretary. They shall be referred by him to a committee on membership, consisting of three members of the Society, to be appointed by the President. This committee shall report, as soon as practicable, to the Board of Managers, on the qualifications and character of candidates. A vote of two-thirds of the Managers present at any meeting of the Board shall be necessary to the election of a member.

2—The amount of the initiation fee shall, in all cases, accompany the application for membership. If the application be rejected, the amount of the initiation fee shall be returned to the applicant. No member shall be elected unless the initiation fee be first paid.

3—The Board of Managers shall have power to suspend or expel any member of the Society, for sufficient cause, by a vote of two-thirds of all the

members of the Board. Provided, that at least two weeks' notice of such proposed action shall have been given to such member. A member so suspended or expelled shall have the right to appeal to a meeting of the Society from the action of the Board of Managers.

INITIATION FEES AND DUES.

SECTION 2. 1—The initiation fee shall be five ($5) dollars; the annual dues three ($3) dollars; or the payment at one time of fifty ($50) dollars shall constitute a life member, with exemption from payment of dues thereafter.

2. The annual dues shall be payable on the first day of June in each year.

3. A member who shall remain in arrears for three months after notice of his indebtedness has been sent him, may be dropped from the rolls by the Board of Managers.

4. The initiation fees and all payments for life membership shall be used by the Board of Managers for the purpose of publishing such documents as they may deem advisable, or for such special purposes as may be ordered by a vote of two-thirds of the Board.

THE PRESIDENT.

SECTION 3. The President, or in his absence the Vice-President, or in his absence the Chairman, *pro tempore*, shall preside at all meetings of the Society and Board of Managers, and shall have a casting vote. He shall exercise the usual functions of a presiding officer, and shall enforce a strict observance of the Constitution and By Laws, and regulations and rules of the Society and Board of Managers.

THE SECRETARY.

SECTION 4. The Secretary shall conduct the general correspondence of the Society. He shall notify all members of their election, and of such other matters as may be directed by the Society or Board of Managers. He shall have charge of the seal, certificate of incorporation and records, and, together with the presiding officer, shall certify all acts of the Society. He shall, under the direction of the President or Board of Managers, give due notice of the time and place of all meetings of the Society and Board of Managers. He shall keep a record of all the proceedings and orders of the Society and Board of Managers, and shall give notice to the several officers of all votes, orders and proceedings affecting them or appertaining to their respective duties.

THE TREASURER.

SECTION 5. The Treasurer shall collect and keep the funds and securities of the Society. All moneys shall be deposited in some bank or savings institution in this State, to the credit of THE MONTANA SOCIETY OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, and shall be drawn on the check of the Treasurer, for the purposes of the Society only. Out of these funds he shall pay such sums as may be ordered by the Society or by the Board of Managers; he shall keep a true account of his receipts and payments, and at each annual meeting render the same to the Society, when a Committee shall be appointed to audit his accounts. He shall make a report to the Board of Managers whenever called upon to do so.

THE REGISTRAR.

SECTION 6. The Registrar shall keep a roll of members, and in his hands shall be lodged all the proofs of qualification for membership, and all the historical and genealogical papers of which the Society may become possessed. Under the direction of the Board of Managers, he shall keep in a suitable book, copies of such documents as the owners thereof may not be willing to have in the keeping of the Society.

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

SECTION 7. The Board of Managers shall have the general superintendence of the interests and business of the Society; they shall perform such duties as may be committed to them by the Society; they shall have power to make such rules and regulations, not inconsistent with the Constitution, By-Laws and Resolutions of the Society, as may be necessary for their own management and the government of the Society. At each annual meeting they shall make a general report. Five members shall constitute a quorum at all meetings of the Board.

AMENDMENTS.

SECTION 8. Amendments to these By Laws may be made at any meeting of the Society by a vote of the majority of the members present, provided that a notice of the meeting and a copy of the proposed amendment shall be sent to every member at least one week prior to such meeting.

Nebraska Society.

21 MEMBERS.

Organized April 26th, 1890. Annual meeting, February 22d, to commemorate Washington's Birthday.

LIST OF OFFICERS:

President,	Rev. Luther M. Kuhns,	Omaha.
Vice Presidents,	W. H. Alexander, (Senior)	Omaha.
	Jerome Wiltse,	Falls City.
Secretary,	W. A. Webster,	Omaha.
Treasurer,	Paul W. Kuhns,	Omaha.
Registrar,	Lyman E. Ware,	Omaha.
Historian,	Fremont M. Jaynes,	Omaha.

CONSTITUTION OF THE NEBRASKA SOCIETY.

ARTICLE I.

The name of this Society shall be the Nebraska Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, organized 26th of April, 1890.

ARTICLE II.

The objects of the Society are to perpetuate the memory and the spirit of the men who achieved American Independence, by the encouragement of historical research in relation to the Revolution and the publication of its results, the preservation of documents and relics and of the records of the individual services of Revolutionary soldiers and patriots, and the promotion of celebrations of all patriotic anniversaries; to carry out the injunction of Washington in his farewell address to the American people, "to promote, as an object of primary importance, institutions for the general diffusion of knowledge," thus developing an enlightened public opinion and affording to young and old such advantages as shall develop in them the largest capacity for performing the duties of American citizens; to cherish, maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom, to foster true patriotism and love of country, and to aid in securing for mankind all the blessings of liberty.

ARTICLE III.

SECTION 1. Any man is eligible for membership who is of the age of twenty-one years, and who is descended from an ancestor, who, with unfailing loyalty,

rendered material aid to the cause of American Independence as a soldier or a seaman, or a civil officer in one of the several Colonies or States, or as a recognized patriot, provided he shall be found worthy.

SECTION 2. For the purpose of making more nearly perfect the records of our Revolutionary ancestors and their descendants, any woman of Revolutionary ancestry may file a record of her ancestors' services and of her line of descent with the Registrar, who shall send a duplicate to the Registrar General.

SECTION 3. Any person may be eligible for honorary membership, subject to the limitations as to age and descent established in the case of active members.

ARTICLE IV.

The officers of this Society shall be a President, three Vice Presidents, a Secretary, a Treasurer, a Registrar and Historian, one Delegate at Large to the National Convention of the Society, an additional Delegate for each one hundred members or for a fraction thereof exceeding fifty, and a Board of Managers consisting of these officers *ex-officio*, and five other members, who shall have power to fill such vacancies as may, from time to time, occur among their number.

ARTICLE V.

The annual meeting for election of officers and transaction of business shall be held on the twenty-second day of February in every year, except when that date shall fall on Sunday, in which case the meeting shall be held on the following day.

ARTICLE VI.

Amendments to this Constitution may be offered at any meeting of the Society, but shall not be acted on until the next meeting. A copy of every proposed amendment shall be sent each member, with a notice of the meeting at which the same is to be acted on, at least one week prior to said meeting. A vote of two-thirds of those present shall be necessary to its adoption.

BY-LAWS OF THE NEBRASKA SOCIETY.

SECTION 1. Members shall be elected as follows: Candidates may send their names and documents, or other proofs of qualifications for membership, to the Secretary, and upon a favorable report from the Board of Managers, and after payment of the initiation fee and first annual dues, shall thereupon become members of the Society.

SECTION 2. The initiation fee shall be three dollars, and the annual dues two dollars, payable in advance at the annual meeting each year, or the payment at one time of twenty-five dollars shall constitute a life member, and the member so paying shall be exempt from the payment of annual dues.

SECTION 3. This Society, at its annual meeting, and in each and every year thereafter, shall elect general officers by ballot. In such election, a majority of the ballots given for any officer shall constitute a choice; but if, on the first ballot no person shall receive such majority, then a further balloting shall take place, in which a plurality of the votes given for any officer shall determine the choice.

SECTION 4. At all meetings of the Society, five members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

The hour and place of meetings shall be designated by the Board of Managers.

Special meetings may be called by the President or Board of Managers at any time for business purposes, or for the purpose of celebrating events of the Revolution or other patriotic events, or devising means for the prosecution of patriotic work. The President shall call a special meeting wherever requested in writing to do so by five or more members.

SECTION 5. The President, or in his absence either of the Vice Presidents, or in their absence a Chairman *pro tempore*, shall preside at all meetings of the Society. He shall preserve order, and shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Society.

SECTION 6. The Secretary shall conduct the general correspondence of the Society. He shall notify all members of their election, and of such other matters as he may be directed by the Society. He shall have charge of the seal, certificate of incorporation, by-laws and records of the Society. He, together with the presiding officer, shall certify all acts of the Society. He shall, under the direction of the President or Vice Presidents, give due notice of the time and place of all meetings of the Society, and attend the same. He shall keep fair and accurate records of all proceedings and orders of the Society; shall give notice to the several officers of all the votes, orders, resolves and proceedings of the Society affecting them or appertaining to their respective duties, and shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Constitution or By-Laws of the National Society.

SECTION 7. The Treasurer shall collect and keep the funds and securities of the Society; they shall be deposited in some bank or savings institute in this State, approved by the Board of Managers, to the credit of the Nebraska Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, and shall be drawn thence on the check of the Treasurer, for the purposes of the Society only. Out of these funds he shall pay such sums only as may be ordered by the Society or by the Board of Managers. He shall keep a true account of his receipts and disbursements, and at each annual meeting shall render the same to the Society, when a committee shall be appointed to audit his accounts; and shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Constitution or By-Laws of the National Society.

SECTION 8. If, from the annual or any special report of the Treasurer, there shall appear to be a balance against the Society, no appropriation of money shall be made for any object but the necessary current expenses of the Society, until such balance shall be paid.

SECTION 9. The Registrar and Historian shall, if practicable, be a member of the Nebraska Historical Society. He shall keep a roll of members, shall have the custody of all the proofs of membership qualification, and all historical and genealogical papers, manuscript or other, of which the Society may become possessed; he shall, under the direction of the Board of Managers, for adequate compensation, copy such similar documents as the owners thereof may not be willing to leave permanently in the keeping of the Society, and shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Constitution or By-Laws of the National Society.

SECTION 10. The Board of Managers shall have power to judge of the qualifications of the candidates for admission to the Society, and elect the same. They shall have charge of all special meetings of the Society, and shall, through the Secretary, call special meetings at any time, upon the written request of five members of the Society, and at such other times as they see fit. They shall recommend plans for promoting the objects of the Society, shall digest and prepare business, and shall authorize the disbursement and expenditure of unappropriated money in the treasury for the payment of the current expenses of the Society. They shall generally superintend the interest of the Society, and execute all such duties as may be committed to them by the Society. At each annual meeting of the Society they shall make a general report. At all meetings of the Board of Managers five or more shall be sufficient for the transaction of business.

SECTION 11. Ayes and noes shall be called at any meeting of the Society upon the demand of five members.

SECTION 12. No alteration of the By-Laws of the Society shall be made unless such alteration shall have been openly proposed at a previous meeting, and entered in the minutes with the name of the member proposing the same, and shall be adopted by a majority of the members present at the meeting of the Society.

New Hampshire Society.

162 Members.

Organized April 24th, 1889. Annual meeting, April 11th.

LIST OF OFFICERS:

President, William W. Bailey,, . . . Nashua.

Vice Presidents, John M. Hill. . . . Concord.
Joshua G. Hall, . . . Dover.
Ebenezer Ferren, . . Manchester.

Secretary, Otis G. Hammond, . . . Concord.

Treasurer, Otis G. Hammond, ... Concord.

Registrar, John C. Ordway, ... Concord.

Historian, Fred Leighton, ... Concord.

Chaplain, Rev. Daniel C. Roberts, D.D., . . Concord.

Board of Managers:

The President and the Secretary *ex-officio*,

George C. Gilmore, . . Manchester.
Charles E. Staniels, . . . Concord.
John Kimball, ... Concord.
Charles B. Spofford, . . . Claremont.
Henry O. Kent, ... Lancaster.
Howard L. Porter, . . . Concord.
Thomas Cogswell, . . . Gilmanton.

CONSTITUTION OF THE NEW HAMPSHIRE SOCIETY.

ARTICLE I.—NAME.

The name of this Society shall be THE NEW HAMPSHIRE SOCIETY OF SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, and its objects shall be as stated in the Articles of Association.

ARTICLE II.—MEMBERSHIP.

Any man shall be eligible to membership in this Society, who, being of the age of twenty-one years or over and a citizen of good repute in the community, is the lineal descendant of an ancestor who was at all times unfailing in his loyalty to, and rendered actual service in, the cause of American Independence, either as an officer, soldier, seaman, marine, militia man or minute man, in the armed forces of the Continental Congress, or of any one of the several Colonies or States; or as a signer of the Declaration of Independence; or as a member of a Committee of Safety or Correspondence; or as a member of any Continental, Provincial or Colonial Congress or Legislature; or as a civil officer, either of one of the Colonies or States or of the National Government; or as a recognized patriot who performed actual service by overt acts of resistance to the authority of Great Britain.

ARTICLE III.—OFFICERS.

The officers of this Society shall be a President, three Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar, Historian, Chaplain, a Finance Committee of three members, and a Board of Managers of seven members, besides the President and Secretary, *ex-officio*, of whom three shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. These officers shall be elected by ballot by vote of the majority of the members present at each annual meeting, and shall continue in office for the term of one year, or until their successors shall be elected.

ARTICLE IV.—AMENDMENTS.

This Constitution or the By-Laws may be amended at any regular meeting of the Society, or any special meeting called for that purpose, by a three-fourths vote of the members present, provided that notice of intended amendment be given in the notification of such meeting.

BY-LAWS OF THE NEW HAMPSHIRE SOCIETY.

ARTICLE I.—MEMBERSHIP.

SECTION 1. Candidates for membership shall make application in due form to the Secretary, and shall become members upon the acceptance of their application by the Board of Managers, and the payment of one dollar to the Secretary, provided and as soon as their application be approved by the Registrar General of the National Society.

SECTION 2. The annual dues shall be one dollar, payable at the annual meeting and not later than the first day of September of each year. The admission fee shall be considered as payment of dues until the next annual meeting following the date of a candidate's admission. The payment of twenty dollars shall constitute any member a life member, and he shall thereafter be exempt from annual dues.

SECTION 3. Any member failing to pay his annual dues for two consecutive years shall forfeit his membership upon vote to that effect by the Board of Managers. A member so dropped may be re-instated by the Board of Managers upon payment of all arrears and all annual dues since the date of his loss of membership.

SECTION 4. Any member may be dismissed from the Society upon recommendation of the Board of Managers and a two-thirds vote of the members present at any regular meeting of the Society.

SECTION 5. Any member may resign his membership by notifying the Registrar in writing, provided his dues are paid to the annual meeting next preceding the date of his resignation.

SECTION 6. Members in good standing may be transferred to another Society, and members of other Societies, provided their standing is good therein, may be received into this Society, upon vote of the Board of Managers.

ARTICLE II.—MEETINGS AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. The annual meeting shall be held at Concord on the 19th of April, and when that date shall fall on Saturday, Sunday or Monday, on any date to be fixed by the Board of Managers, at which meeting the officers for the ensuing year and delegates and alternates to the National Convention, shall be elected by ballot. At all meetings fifteen members shall constitute a quorum, and a majority vote shall be sufficient for the election of any officer, or the transaction of any business, except as otherwise especially provided. The Secretary shall notify each member of any meeting by sending a notice to his last known address at least ten days before the date of such meeting.

SECTION 2. The Board of Managers shall call a special meeting of the Society upon written request of five members, and may do so at such other times as they deem expedient.

SECTION 3. No member shall be allowed to vote by proxy. Vacancies in office may be filled by the Board of Managers, such appointees to continue in office until the next annual meeting.

ARTICLE III.—DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

PRESIDENT.

SECTION 1. The President, or in his absence the senior Vice-President present, or in their absence a Chairman *pro tempore*, shall preside at all meetings of the Society or Board of Managers. He shall preserve order and shall decide all questions of parliamentary proceedure, subject to appeal to the Society or Board of Managers. He shall regulate the order of business to be transacted at such meetings. He, with the Secretary, shall approve all bills to be paid from the treasury of the Society.

SECRETARY.

SECTION 2. The Secretary shall keep accurate records of all meetings of the Society and Board of Managers; shall notify all members and officers of their elections, and shall issue notices of all meetings, and such other notices as may be required of him by the Society or Board of Managers. He shall collect all dues and pay the same to the Treasurer, and with the President, shall approve all bills to be paid out of the treasury of the Society. He shall receive such salary as may be allowed by the Board of Managers. He shall present a report at each annual meeting.

TREASURER.

SECTION 3. The treasurer shall have custody of all the funds of the Society, and shall pay therefrom all bills against the Society approved by the President and Secretary, and no others. He shall receive from the Secretary and Registrar all money turned over to him, and shall deposit the same to the credit of the Society. He shall keep an accurate account of all money received and expended, and shall present a report of his transactions at each annual meeting.

REGISTRAR.

SECTION 4. The Registrar shall keep a register of the names, and dates of election, transfer, resignation, and death of all members. He shall forward to the Registrar-General of the National Society a duplicate of all applications for membership within one week after the same shall have been accepted by the Board of Managers. He shall issue certificates of membership and insignia of the order to members entitled thereto, and shall pay all money received therefor to the Treasurer. He shall present a report at each annual meeting.

HISTORIAN.

SECTION 5. The Historian shall have the custody of all historical and genealogical documents belonging to the Society. At each annual meeting he shall, if possible, present a biographical sketch of all members deceased during the previous year. He shall keep accurate accounts of all field day proceedings, and shall prepare for publication such historical matter as the Secretary may be required to publish.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

SECTION 6. It shall be the duty of the Finance Committee to audit the accounts of the Secretary, Treasurer, and Registrar, immediately before the annual meeting, and to make report on the same at that meeting. They shall properly invest, in the name of the Society, such funds as may be placed in their hands for that purpose by the Board of Managers, and shall make report on the same to the Board or Society as often as may be desired by either body.

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

SECTION 7. The Board of Managers shall consider and vote on all applications for membership; shall exercise general supervision over the affairs of the Society, and suggest plans for the promotion of its welfare; shall direct and superintend its finances, and fill all vacancies in office. They shall call special meetings of the Society upon written request of five members, and at such other times as they may deem expedient. The Board shall meet on the second Wednesday in January, April, July, and October, and otherwise at the call of the President.

ARTICLE IV.—AMENDMENTS.

SECTION 1. These By-Laws may be amended conformably to the provisions for the amendment of the Constitution.

New Jersey Society.

292 MEMBERS.

Organized April 30th, 1889. Annual meeting, December 26th, (Battle of Trenton), June 26th, (Battle of Monmouth), or at such other time as the Society at any annual meeting may designate.

LIST OF OFFICERS:

President, John Whitehead, . . Morristown, N. J.
Vice President, Theodore Wilson Morris, Freehold, N. J.
Secretary, G. Wisner Thorne, . . . Newark, N. J.
Treasurer, Frederick Frelinghuysen, . . Newark, N. J.
Registrar, John Jackson Hubbell, . . Newark, N. J.
Historian, Andrew D. Mellick, Jr., . . Plainfield, N. J.
Chaplain, Rev. Lyman Whitney Allen, . Newark, N. J.

Board of Managers:

Franklin Murphy, . . . Newark, N. J.
William Scudder Stryker, . . Trenton, N. J.
Philip H. Hoffman, . . Morristown, N. J.
Elias O. Doremus, . . East Orange, N. J.
George W. Ketcham, . . . Newark, N. J.
Henry L. Janeway, . . New Brunswick, N. J.
Walter Chandler, . . . Elizabeth, N. J.
Joseph G. Ogden, . . . Elizabeth, N. J.
Walter S. Nichols, . . . Newark, N. J.
Peter B. Fairchild, . . . Orange, N. J.
Thomas W. Williams, . . Newark, N. J.

CONSTITUTION OF THE NEW JERSEY SOCIETY.

ARTICLE I.—NAME.

The name of this Society shall be THE NEW JERSEY SOCIETY OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, and it shall be a part of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

ARTICLE II.—OBJECTS.

The purposes of this Society are to keep alive among ourselves and our descendants, and in the community, the patriotic spirit of the men who achieved American Independence; to collect and secure for preservation the manuscript rolls, records and other documents relating to the War of the Revolution, and to promote social intercourse and fellowship among its members.

ARTICLE III.—MEMBERSHIP.

Any person shall be eligible for membership who is a male above the age of twenty-one (21) years; and is descended from an ancestor who assisted in establishing American Independence, during the War of the Revolution, in any one of the following capacities:

1. A military or naval officer.
2. A soldier, sailor or marine.
3. A member of a Committee of Correspondence or Council of Safety or other similar body.
4. A member of a Provincial or of the Continental Congress.
5. An officer in the service of one of the original Colonies or States, or of the National Government representing or composed of these Colonies or States. Provided, that such service was of so important a character as to render the official specially liable to arrest and punishment by the British Government.
6. Any recognized patriot actually arrested and punished for giving aid and comfort to the patriotic cause. Provided, that if such ancestor, having assisted in establishing American Independence in any of the above capacities, either adhered to the enemy or failed to maintain an honorable record throughout the War of the Revolution, his previous service shall not entitle his descendants to membership in this Society. And further provided, that no person shall be admitted to membership unless at least one member of the Society, or some well known citizen of New Jersey, shall state in writing his belief that the applicant for admission is of good moral character, and would be a worthy member of the Society.

ARTICLE IV.—OFFICERS.

1. The officers of the Society shall be a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer and a Registrar, who, with ten other members, shall constitute a Board of Managers.
2. The officers and Managers and Delegates to the National Society shall be elected by a vote of the majority of the members present at the annual meeting of the Society, and shall hold office for one year, or until their successors are elected.
3. The Board of Managers shall fill any vacancy occurring among the officers of the Society or the members of the Board, or the Delegates to the National Society.
4. In addition to the officers above provided for, the Board of Managers may, from time to time, appoint a Chaplain, a Historian, and such subordinate officers as they may deem necessary, who shall hold office until the annual meeting next succeeding their appointment.

ARTICLE V.—MEETINGS.

1. The annual meeting shall be held on the 26th day of December, the anniversary of the Battle of Trenton, or the 28th day of June, the anniversary of the Battle of Monmouth, or at such other time as the Society, at any annual meeting, shall designate.

2. The hour and place of meeting shall be designated by the Board of Managers.

3. Special meetings may be called by the President or Board of Managers at any time. The President shall call a special meeting, whenever requested in writing so to do by five or more members.

4. Ten members shall constitute a quorum at all meetings.

5. General business may be transacted at any special meeting.

ARTICLE VI.—CHAPTERS.

Ten or more members of the Society, resident in any county in this State, or in any such locality as may be approved by the Board of Managers, may form themselves into a Chapter to be called by such name as said members may assume. A charter may be granted to such chapter by the Managers, of such form as the Board may provide, upon an application made in writing by ten or more members of the Society, stating the name to be assumed, the location and the names and residences of its proposed members. Such Chapter may enact a Constitution and By-Laws not inconsistent with those of the National Society or of this Society.

No person may be admitted to such Chapter unless he be a member in good standing of a State Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, and all members of the Sons of the American Revolution, resident within the territory of such Chapter, shall be eligible to membership therein. If any member of such Chapter should cease to be a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, his membership in the Chapter shall cease.

ARTICLE VII.—AMENDMENTS.

Amendments to this Constitution may be offered at any meeting of the Society, but shall not be acted on until the next meeting. A copy of every proposed amendment shall be sent to each member, with a notice of the meeting at which the same is to be acted on, at least one week prior to said meeting.

A vote of two-thirds of those present shall be necessary to its adoption.

BY-LAWS OF THE NEW JERSEY SOCIETY.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS.

SECTION 1. 1—The names and proofs of qualification of candidates for membership shall be sent to the Secretary. They shall be referred by him to a committee on membership, consisting of three members of the Society to be appointed by the President. This committee shall report, as soon as practicable, to the Board

of Managers, on the qualifications and character of candidates. A vote of two-thirds of the Managers present at any meeting of the Board shall be necessary to the election of a member.

2. The amount of the initiation fee shall in all cases accompany the application for membership. If the application be rejected, the amount of the initiation fee shall be returned to the applicant. No member shall be elected unless the initiation fee be first paid.

3. The Board of Managers shall have power to suspend or expel any member of the Society, for sufficient cause, by a vote of two-thirds of all the members of the Board. Provided, that at least two weeks' notice of such proposed action shall have been given to such member. A member so suspended or expelled shall have the right to appeal to a meeting of the Society from the action of the Board of Managers.

INITIATION FEES AND DUES.

SECTION 2. 1—The initiation fee shall be five ($5) dollars; the annual dues three ($3) dollars, or the payment at one time of fifty ($50) dollars shall constitute a life member, with exemption from payment of dues thereafter.

2. The annual dues shall be payable in advance on the 1st day of April in each year.

3. Persons becoming members during the months of January, February and March in each year shall not be liable for the payment of dues for the preceding year.

4. A member who shall remain in arrears for dues for three months after notice of his indebtedness has been sent him, may be dropped from the rolls by the Board of Managers.

5. The initiation fees and all payments for life membership shall be used by the Board of Managers for the purpose of publishing such documents as they may deem advisable, or for such special purposes as may be ordered by a vote of two-thirds of the Board.

6. The fiscal year of the Society shall end on the first day of April. Members admitted after January first and before April first, upon paying five dollars, shall be credited with the annual dues for the year ending on the first day of April.

7. Members admitted by transfer from other Societies in connection with the National Society, shall be exempt from paying initiation fees, but shall be liable to the payment of annual dues.

THE PRESIDENT.

SECTION 3. The President, or in his absence the Vice President, or in his absence a chairman *pro tempore*, shall preside at all meeting of the Society and Board of Managers, and shall have a casting vote. He shall exercise the usual functions of a presiding officer, and shall enforce a strict observance of the Constitution and By-Laws, and regulations and rules of the Society and Board of Managers.

THE SECRETARY.

SECTION 4. The Secretary shall conduct the general correspondence of the Society. He shall notify all members of their election, and of such other matters

as may be directed by the Society or Board of Managers. He shall have charge of the seal, certificate of incorportion and records, and, together with the presiding officer, shall certify all acts of the Society. He shall, under the direction of the President or Board of Managers, give due notice of the time and place of all meetings of the Society and Board of Managers. He shall keep a record of all the proceedings and orders of the Society and Board of Managers, and shall give notice to the several officers of all votes, orders and proceedings affecting them or appertaining to their respective duties.

THE TREASURER.

SECTION 5. The Treasurer shall collect and keep the funds and securities of the Society. All moneys shall be deposited in some bank or savings institution in this State, to the credit of THE NEW JERSEY SOCIETY OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, and shall be drawn on the check of the Treasurer, for the purposes of the Society only. Out of these funds he shall pay such sums as may be ordered by the Society or by the Board of Managers; he shall keep a true account of his receipts and payments, and at each annual meeting render the same to the Society, when a committee shall be appointed to audit his accounts. He shall make a report to the Board of Managers whenever called upon to do so.

THE REGISTRAR.

SECTION 6. The Registrar shall keep a roll of members, and in his hands shall be lodged all the proofs of quaiification for membership, and all the historical and genealogical papers of which the Society may become possessed. Under the direction of the Board or Managers, he shall keep, in a suitable book, copies of such documents as the owners thereof may not be willing to leave in the keeping of theSociety.

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

SECTION 7. The Board of Managers shall have the general superintendence of the interests and business of the Society; they shall perform such duties as may be committed to them by the Society; they shall have power to make such rules and regulations, not inconsistent with the Constitution, By-Laws and Resolutions of the Society, as may be necessary for their own management and the government of the Society. At each annual meeting they shall make a general report. Five members shall constitute a quorum at all meetings of the Board.

DEMISSION.

SECTION 8. If any member of the Society shall, in consequence of change of residence to any other State, elect to connect himself with any other State Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, he shall, upon application to the Board of Managers, receive a certificate of his honorable demission, provided, however, that he be in good and regular standing, and not indebted to the Society.

AMENDMENTS.

SECTION 9. Amendments to these By-Laws may be made at any meeting of the Society by a vote of a majority of the members present. Provided, that a notice of the meeting and a copy of the proposed amendment shall be sent to every member at least one week prior to such meeting.

New York Society.

563 MEMBERS.

Organized February 11th, 1890.

LIST OF OFFICERS:

President, Chauncey M. Depew, . . New York.
Senior Vice President, Robert B. Roosevelt, 33 Wall St., New York.
Secretary, John Winfield Scott, 214 Broadway, New York.
Treasurer, Ira Bliss Stewart, 309 Broadway, New York.
Registrar, Edward Hagaman Hall, 14 Lafayette Place, New York.
Historian, Henry Hall . *Tribune* Office, New York.

Board of Managers:

The General Officers and
Col. John C. Calhoun,
Walter S. Logan,
Andrew J. C. Foyé,
Gen. Ferdinand P. Earle,
Capt. Hugh R. Garden,
Gen. Thomas Wilson, U.S.A.
Col. Frederick D. Grant,
W. W. J. Warren,
Ebenezer K. Wright,
Stephen M. Wright,
Hon. Elbridge G. Spaulding, *ex-officio*,
Joseph Warren Cutler, *ex-officio*.

CONSTITUTION OF THE EMPIRE STATE SOCIETY.

PREAMBLE.

The Sons of the American Revolution are a purely patriotic Society, with membership based on lineal descent from the participants in the American Revolution; the first body of which Society was instituted in California in 1875, and organized in 1876; and the National organization of which, formed by the union of co-equal State Societies, was effected April 30, 1889. The New York State Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, organized February 11, 1890, having been incorporated April 8, 1895, in conformity with the Laws of the State of New

York, under the corporate title of "The Empire State Society of the Sons of the American Revolution," the following Constitution is hereby adopted, this tenth day of April, 1895:

ARTICLE I.—NAME.

The name of this Society shall be "The Empire State Society of the Sons of the American Revolution."

ARTICLE II.—NATIONAL SOCIETY.

This Society shall be a part of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. It recognizes all Societies of Sons of the American Revolution in other States as co-equal, and their members as our compatriots, entitled to receive from this Society such information, assistance and fraternal consideration as may best promote the objects of the Society.

ARTICLE III.— OBJECTS.

The objects of this Society shall be to perpetuate the memory of the men who, by their services or sacrifices during the War of the American Revolution, achieved the Independence of the American people; to unite and promote fellowship among their descendants; to inspire them and the community at large with a more profound reverence for the principles of the government founded by our forefathers; to encourage historical research in relation to the Revolution; to encourage the study of American history; to acquire and preserve the records of the individual services of the patriots of the War, as well as documents, relics and land marks; to mark the scenes of the Revolution by appropriate memorials; to celebrate the anniversaries of the prominent events of the War; to foster patriottism; to encourage a better understanding of the principles of free government; to maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom; and to carry out the purposes expressed in the Preamble to the Constitution of our Country and the injunctions of Washington in his farewell address to the American people.

ARTICLE IV.—MEMBERSHIP.

SECTION 1.—Any man shall be eligible to membership in this Society who, being of the age of twenty-one years or over, and a citizen of good repute in the community, is the lineal descendant of an ancestor, who was at all times unfailing in his loyalty to and rendered actual service in the cause of American Independence, either as an officer, soldier, seaman, marine, militiaman or minute man, in the armed forces of the Continental Congress or of any one of the several Colonies or States; or as a signer of the Declaration of Independence; or as a member of a Committee of Safety or Correspondence; or as a member of any Continental, Provincial, or Colonial Congress or Legislature or as a civil officer, either of one of the Colonies or States or of the National Government during the period of the American Revolution; or as a recognized patriot, who performed actual service by overt acts of resistance to the authority of Great Britain.

Any man is eligible to honorary membership, subject to the limitations as to age, descent and acceptability established in the case of active members.

ARTICLE V.—OFFICERS.

The officers of this Society shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar, Historian, Chaplain, and a Board of Managers sixteen in number, including the officers before named, and in addition thereto, the President of each of the local chapters of this Society, *ex-officio*. The Officers, Board of Managers and Delegates to the National Congress shall be elected by ballot, by a majority of the members voting at the annual meeting, and hold office for one year, or until their successors are duly elected. An Assistant Secretary and Assistant Registrar may be appointed by the Board of Managers if, at any time, the business of the Society shall require it. All elections shall be by a majority vote.

ARTICLE VI.—FEES AND DUES.

The initiation fee shall be five dollars, the annual dues five dollars, and the certificate of membership one dollar; but members admitted by transfer from another State Society of Sons of the American Revolution, to which they have paid their initiation fee, shall be exempt from paying another initiation fee. The payment at one time of seventy-five dollars shall constitute a life membership, with exemption from payment of annual dues thereafter. The annual dues shall be payable in advance on the 1st of April in each year. Members admitted during the month of April shall pay annual dues for the full year; but members admitted after the 30th of April shall make first payment only at the proportional rate for the balance of the year remaining before the 1st of April next following. Honorary Members shall be exempt from payment of fees and dues.

ARTICLE VII.—MEETINGS.

The annual meeting of the Society shall be held on the 22d day of February, or as near that date as may be convenient, the time and place to be determined by the Board of Managers, for the election of officers, Board of Managers, delegates, and the transaction of general business.

Other meetings shall be called by the President or Board of Managers at any time, when requested to do so, in writing, by ten members; and for such a meeting one week's notice shall be given in writing to the members of the Society. Fifteen members shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE VIII.—LOCAL CHAPTERS.

Upon the petition of fifteen or more members residing in the same county, the Board of Managers may authorize the formation of a local chapter, to be known as "The ——— ——— Chapter of the Empire State Society of the Sons of the American Revolution." Such chapter may enact such by-laws and regulations as do not conflict with the Constitution or By-laws of the National or State Society. No member shall be admitted to any such chapter who is not a member of the Empire State Society of the Sons of the American Revolution and a resident of such county. Any member who shall be suspended, expelled, or in any way lose membership in the State Society, shall thereupon cease to be a member of such chapter. The President of each chapter shall be *ex officio* a member of the Board of Managers of the said Society; but in case of his inability

to attend any meeting of the Board of Managers, he may designate some other member of his chapter then to act for and in his behalf, which said member shall, for the purposes of said meeting, be an *ex officio* member of said Board of Managers. There may, at the option of the Board of Managers, be two or more chapters in any county.

ARTICLE IX.—SEAL.

The seal of this Society shall be the same as that of the National Society, with the exception that it shall bear the legend, "Empire State Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, organized February 11, 1890, incorporated April 8, 1895," in place of the legend of the National Society.

ARTICLE X —INSIGNIA.

The insignia shall be the same as that of the National Society, namely: A cross of four arms and eight points, same size as the Chevalier's Cross of the Legion of Honor of France; arms enameled white; in the center, a gold medallion bearing bust of General George Washington in profile, surrounded by a ribbon in blue enamel, bearing the legend, "Libertas et Patria;" encircling the medallion, and midway between it and the points of the cross, a laurel wreath in gold and blue enamel. Reverse: same as the obverse, except that the medallion bears the figure of a Continental soldier, and the blue enamaneled ribbon bears the title, "Sons of the American Revolution." The whole is surmounted by an eagle of gold and is suspended from a blue and white ribbon.*

For informal use, a blue and white rosette or button, seven-sixteenths of an inch in diameter.†

ARTICLE XI.—MONTHLY MEETINGS.

It shall be the duty of the Board of Managers to provide for a regular monthly meeting of the Society during the months from October to May, inclusive, in each year, and the Secretary shall give ten days' notice thereof, in writing, to each member of the Society.

ARTICLE XII.—AMENDMENTS.

Amendments to this Constitution may be offered at any meeting of the Society, but shall not be acted on until the next meeting, at least one month thereafter. A copy of every proposed amendment shall be sent to each member, with a notice of the meeting at which the same will be acted upon, at least ten days prior to said meeting.

A vote of two-thirds of those present shall be necessary to the adoption of an amendment.

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*These badges are made by the Society's official jewelers, Tiffany & Co., Union Square, New York City, and are obtained from them only on a permit issued to the member by the Registrar General at Washington, through the State Registrar. The solid gold badge costs $25, and the silver badge, gold plated, costs $9. The appearanee of both is the same. To obtain the badge, the member will write to the State Registrar, specifying the kind desired, and he will obtain for and send to the member the necessary permit. The member will then send this permit to Tiffany & Co., accompanied by his check, *made payable to them*, and will receive the badge directly from the jewelers.

†The blue and white rosettes (or buttons) of the Society may be obtained from the State Treasurer, and cost twenty-five cents each.

BY-LAWS OF THE EMPIRE STATE SOCIETY.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS.

SECTION 1. An applicant for membership shall send to the Secretary his application for membership, made out in duplicate upon standard blanks furnished by the Society, in which blanks he shall give his pedigree back to the ancestor on whose service the application is based, state definitely the patriotic service of said ancestor, and give such other information, documentary or otherwise, as may be required to satisfy the Registrar of the validity of the claim. The Secretary shall transmit the application to the Registrar, who shall investigate it, and upon the applicant's compliance with the requirements of the Society, the Registrar shall report it to the Board of Managers with his signature. Upon its acceptance by the Board of Managers and approval by the Registrar General, the Secretary shall send notification of his election to the applicant, who shall become a member upon the payment of his initiation fee and dues to the 1st of April following.

PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT.

SECTION 2. The President, or in his absence the Vice President, shall preside at all meetings of the Society and Board of Managers and have a casting vote. He shall exercise the usual functions of presiding officer, and shall enforce a strict observance of the Constitution and By-Laws of this Society.

SECRETARY.

SECTION 3. The Secretary shall conduct the general correspondence and keep a fair and accurate record of all the proceedings of the Society; have charge of the records, seal, certificate of incorporation, Constitution and By-Laws of the Society; give notice to the several officers of all votes or proceedings affecting their duties; notify members of their election; give due notice to members of all meetings of the Society; and perform such other duties as may be imposed upon him by the Board of Managers. He shall also, together with the President, certify all acts of the Society.

TREASURER.

SECTION 4. The Treasurer shall keep the accounts of the Society; shall issue bills of indebtedness to members; shall collect all moneys of the Society and deposit the same in some bank approved by the Board of Managers, in the name of the Empire State Society of the Sons of the American Revolution; and he shall disburse the same only on checks drawn for accounts which have been duly approved by the Board of Managers. He shall give his receipt for moneys received, and shall keep a true account of his financial transactions and make report of the same at the annual meeting of the Society. He shall give such security as the Board of Managers may from time to time require.

REGISTRAR.

SECTION 5. The Registrar shall, upon receipt of an application for membership, investigate the proofs of eligibility, and, if they be not satisfactory, require further proofs from the applicant. Upon the verification of the applicant's claim

to eligibility, the Registrar shall affix his signature and transmit the application to the Board of Managers for acceptance. The Registrar shall file and keep record of all proof upon which membership shall have been granted; shall be custodian of all historical or genealogical papers, manuscript or printed, of which the Society may become possessed, and which shall be open to inspection by any member of the Society, and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned to him by the Society or Board of Managers.

HISTORIAN.

SECTION 6. The Historian shall keep a record of all the historical and commemorative celebrations of the Society, prepare and edit the same for publication under direction of the Board of Managers, and shall act as Necrologist for the Society. He shall also, from time to time, publish for distribution among the members such historical papers and documents as may be presented to or secured by the Society.

CHAPLAIN.

SECTION 7. The Chaplain shall perform the religious offices of the Society.

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

SECTION 8. The Board of Managers, in addition to the powers and duties elsewhere enumerated in these By-Laws, shall judge of the qualifications of applicants for membership, and have power to admit candidates complying with the requirements of the Society; may call special meetings of the Society; may fill vacancies in office until the next meeting of the Society; may arrange for public celebrations and social meetings; and shall generally superintend and manage the affairs of the Society, subject at all times to any specific vote of the Society. If, by reason of absence, disability, or other cause, an officer shall not properly perform the duties of his office, the Board of Managers shall appoint a member to such office *pro tempore*.

A majority of the Board shall constitute a quorum.

RESIGNATION AND EXPULSION.

SECTION 9. Any member who is in good standing in the Society, and is under no indebtedness thereto, shall be allowed voluntarily to withdraw from membership.

The Board of Managers shall have power to drop from the rolls, after thirty days' notice has been given him, any member who shall be and remain in arrears for dues for one year; or any member who shall be found to have obtained membership on insufficient data, after due opportunity has been afforded him to supply satisfactory evidence. In either of the foregoing cases, the member may be restored to the rolls upon the payment of arrears and dues to date, or the furnishing of the required evidence of eligibility, as the case may be.

Upon the signed complaint of ten members, the Board of Managers shall have power to drop from the rolls or expel any member who shall wilfully and persistently transgress the regulations of the Society, or who, by conduct unbecoming a gentleman and man of honor, shall have come into disrepute in the community in general; provided, that such member shall have received at least

two weeks' notice of the hearing on the complaint and shall have had reasonable opportunity to be heard in person. Any member thus expelled or dropped from the rolls shall have the privilege of appeal to the Society, and may be restored either by the unanimous vote of the Board of Managers or a majority vote of the Society.

A majority vote of all the members of the Board of Managers shall be required to drop or expel a member from the Society as herein provided.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE AND NOMINATIONS.

SECTION 10. At any meeting of the Society in the month of December in each year a Nominating Committee, consisting of five active members of the Society, may be elected by the Society, provided previous notice of such intended action shall have been given; and in default of such election by the Society, the Board of Managers shall appoint such Nominating Committee at its January meeting.

It shall be the duty of the Nominating Committee to nominate Officers and Board of Managers, as well as Delegates and Alternates to the National Congress, to be balloted for at the ensuing annual meeting, and these nominations shall be made at least thirty days before the annual meeting. As soon as the nominations are made, the Committee shall immediately inform the Secretary of the Society of that fact, and give him at the same time a list of the nominees. The Secretary shall then, at least twenty days before the meeting of the Society at which action shall be taken thereon, have ballots containing such nominations printed and mailed to each member of the Society. This provision shall not exclude the nomination of any other candidate; but no such candidate shall be eligible for election to any office unless his name shall have been presented as a candidate, together with the name of the person nominating him, to the Secretary of the Society at least ten days before the annual meeting, and it shall be the duty of the Secretary to forthwith have ballots containing such nomination printed and mailed to each member of the Society. Out of town members may vote by proxy at the annual meeting for Officers, Board of Managers and Delegates to the National Congress.

SECTION 11. All members of the New York State Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, organized February 11, 1890, and of which this Society is the successor, are hereby made members of like standing in this Society.

AMENDMENTS.

SECTION 12. Amendments to these By-Laws may be proposed at any meeting of the Society, but shall not be acted upon until a subsequent meeting, of which due notice shall have been given.

A vote of two-thirds of those present shall be necessary for the adoption of an amendment.

Ohio Society.

210 MEMBERS.

Organized April 22d, 1890. Annual meeting second Tuesday in January.

LIST OF OFFICERS:

President, Lucius B. Wing, . . . Newark, O.
Vice Presidents, Roeliff Brinkerhoff, . . Mansfield, O.
Benj. M. Moulten, . . . Lima, O.
John W. Harper, . . Cincinnati, O.
Corresponding Secretary, Harry P. Ward, 15 E. Gay Street, Columbus, O.
Recording Secretary, W. N. P. Darrow, . Columbus, O.
Treasurer, Rev. Wilson R. Parsons, . Worthington, O.
Registrar, W. L. Curry, ... Columbus, O.
Historian, O. W. Aldrich, ... Columbus, O.

CONSTITUTION OF THE OHIO SOCIETY.

ARTICLE I.—NAME.

The name of this Society shall be THE OHIO SOCIETY OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION.

ARTICLE II.—OBJECTS.

The objects of this Society shall be:

To perpetuate the memory and the spirit of the men who achieved American Independence, by the encouragement of historical research in relation to the Revolution and the publication of its results, the preservation of documents, and relics, and of records of the individual services of Revolutionary soldiers and patriots, and the promotion of celebrations of all patriotic anniversaries.

To carry out the injunctions of Washington in his farewell address to the American people: "To promote, as an object of primary importance, institutions for the general diffusion of knowledge," thus developing an enlightened public opinion, and affording to young and old such advantages as shall develop in them the largest capacity for performing the duties of American citizens.

To cherish, maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom, to foster true patriotism and love of country, and to aid in securing for mankind all the blessings of liberty.

ARTICLE III.—MEMBERSHIP.

1. Any man is eligible for membership who is of the age of twenty-one years, and who is descended from an ancestor, who, with unfailing loyalty, rendered material aid to the cause of American Independence as a soldier or seaman, or a civil officer in one of the several Colonies or States, or of the united Colonies or States, or as a recognized patriot, provided that the applicant shall be acceptable to the Society.

2. For the purpose of perfecting the records of Revolutiony patriots and their descendants, any woman of Revolutionary ancestry may file with the Registrar a record, in duplicate, of her ancestors' services and of her line of descent, one copy of which shall be deposited among the archives of the National Society.

3. Any person may be eligible for honorary membership, subject to the limitation as to age and descent established in the case of active members.

4. All members of the National Society are our comrades and brothers, and when within the borders of our jurisdiction will be welcome to our meetings and to assist in our celebrations and work.

ARTICLE IV.—OFFICERS AND MANAGERS.

1. The officers of the Society shall be a President, one or more Vice Presidents, a Recording and Corresponding Secretary, a Treasurer, a Registrar, and such others as may be deemed necessary, who shall be elected by a vote of the majority of the members present at the annual meeting of the Society, and who shall hold office for one year, or until their successors shall be elected, and who, with seven other members, shall constitute the Board of Management.

2. Delegates to the Congress of the Society shall be elected at each annual meeting, in accordance with the requirements of the Constitution of the General Society.

3. An Executive Committee of five, of which the President of the Society shall be the Chairman, which may be elected by the Board of Management from their number, shall, in the interim between the meetings of the Board, transact such business as shall be delegated to it by the Board of Management.

ARTICLE V.—FEES AND DUES.

1. The initiation fee, including dues for the first year, shall be five ($5) dollars; the annual dues two ($2) dollars; or the payment at one time of twenty-five ($25) dollars shall constitute a life member, with exemption from payment of dues thereafter.

2. The annual dues shall be payable on the first day of April in each year.

3. Any member who shall remain in arrears for dues for one year after notice of his indebtedness has been sent him, may be dropped from the rolls by the Board of Management.

4. The initiation fees and all payment of dues and life memberships shall be used by the Board of Management for the purpose of paying the dues, of twenty-five cents for each active member, to the National Society, of publishing such documents as they may deem advisable, of paying the running expenses, and for such special purpose as may be ordered by a vote of two-thirds of the Board of Management.

ARTICLE VI.—MEETINGS AND ELECTIONS.

1. The annual meeting for election of officers and transaction of business shall be held at two o'clock P. M., on the second Tuesday of January in each year.

2. Special meetings may be called by the President or Board of Management at any time for business purposes, or for the purpose of celebrating events of the Revolution or other patriotic events, or devising means for the prosecution of patriotic work. The President shall call a special meeting whenever requested, in writing, so to do, by five or more members.

3. General business may be transacted at any special meeting.

4. Seven members shall constitute a quorum at all meetings, except that three members shall be a quorum of the Executive Committee.

3. All nominations for officers shall be made from the floor and not by Committee, and all elections to office shall be by ballot. The persons receiving the majority of all the votes cast shall be declared elected, and shall hold office for the ensuing term and until their successors shall be elected.

SECTION VII.—AMENDMENTS.

Amendments to this Constitution may be offered at any meeting of the Society, but shall not be acted on until the next meeting. A copy of every proposed amendment shall be sent to each member, with a notice of the meeting at which the same is to be acted on, at least one week prior to said meeting.

A vote of two-thirds of those present shall be necessary to the adoption of any amendment.

BY-LAWS OF THE OHIO SOCIETY.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS.

SECTION 1. Members shall be elected as follows: Candidates may send their applications, together with documents and other proofs of qualifications for membership,* to the Secretary, and, upon a favorable report from the Executive Committee, and upon payment of the initiation fee shall become members of the Society.

THE PRESIDENT.

SECTION 2. The President, or in his absence the Vice President, or in his absence a Chairman, *pro tempore*, shall preside at all meetings of the Society and Board of Management, and have a casting vote He shall exercise the usual functions of a presiding officer, and shall enforce a strict observance of the Constitution and By-Laws, and of the regulations and rules of the Society.

* It is requested that all applications shall be made upon the standard form of "Application for Membership issued by authority of the Executive Committee, N. S. S. A. R.," which provides for:

1—A statement of the services of the ancestor of the applicant in aid of the establishment of American Independence.

2 –A detailed statement of the intermediate generations of his pedigree, with full names of paternal and maternal ancestors in each generation, and, if possible, dates and places of birth and death, and places of residence.

3—A recommendation of the candidate by a member of the Society.

4—An affidavit of the applicant in support of the statements contained in his application.

THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

SECTION 3. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the general correspondence of the Society, and such other matters as may be directed by the Society.

He shall notify all members of their election, and shall, under the direction of the President or Vice President, give due notice of the time and place of all meetings of the Society, and attend the same.

THE RECORDING SECRETARY.

SECTION 4. The Recording Secretary shall have charge of the seal, certificate of incorporation, by-laws and records of the Society, and, together with the presiding officer shall certify all acts of the Society.

He shall keep fair and accurate records of all the proceedings and orders of the Society; and shall give notice to the several officers of all votes, orders, resolves and proceedings of the Society affecting them or appertaining to their respective duties.

THE TREASURER.

SECTION 5. The Treasurer shall collect and keep the funds and securities of the Society, and shall pay out of such funds only such sums as may be ordered by the Society, or by the Board of Management, or the Executive Committee.

He shall keep a true account of his receipts and payments, and, at each annual meeting, render the same to the Society, when the Executive Committee shall audit his accounts.

If, from the annual report of the Treasurer, there shall appear to be a balance against the Treasurer, no appropriation of money shall be made for any object but the necessary current expenses of the Society until such balance shall be paid.

THE REGISTRAR.

SECTION 6. The Registrar shall keep a roll of members, and in his hands shall be lodged all the proofs of membership qualification, and all the historical and genealogical papers, manuscript or other, of which the Society may become possessed; and, under the direction of the Board of Management, shall keep copies of such similar documents as the owners thereof may not be willing to leave permanently in the keeping of the Society. He shall verify, as far as possible, all statements of the Revolutionary services of ancestors that may be made in the applications for membership, and make report to the Board of Managers.

The Registrar shall keep the records of the historical and commemorative meetings of the Society, and shall supervise the preparation and printing of all its historical publications, other than those of the membership rolls.

He shall submit at each annual meeting a list of the members who may have died during the year, accompanied by biographical memoirs.

THE BOARD OF MANAGERS.

SECTION 7. The Board of Management shall consist of at least twelve members, namely, the President, Vice President, Secretaries, Treasurer and Registrar, *ex-officio*, and seven others, elected as provided by the Constitution.

They shall judge of the qualifications of the candidates for admission to the Society, and elect the same. They shall have charge of all special meetings of the Society, and shall, through the Secretary, call special meetings at any time, upon

the written request of five members of the Society, and at such other times as they see fit. They shall recommend plans for promoting the objects of the Society, shall digest and prepare business, and shall authorize the disbursement and expenditure of unappropriated money in the treasury for the payment of current expenses of the Society. They shall generally superintend the interests of the Society, and execute all such duties as may be committed to them by the Society.

At each annual meeting of the Society the Board shall make a general report.

At all meetings of the Board of Management, five or more shall be sufficient for the transaction of business.

Ayes and nays shall be called at any meeting of the Society upon the demand of five members.

LOCAL CHAPTERS.

SECTION 8. Whenever five or more members of this Society, residing in any county or district composed of not more than three counties lying adjacent to each other, shall make application for a warrant to organize a local Chapter in such district, the President and Secretary may issue such a warrant authorizing the formation of each Chapter by such name as requested in the application. Such Chapter may receive as active members any member of the State Society who may reside within its district, and as honorary member any member of the order, and no other person shall be permitted to become members of any Chapter.

Any such Chapter shall elect a President and Secretary, and such other officers as may be provided for by its rules, and may make such rules and regulations as may be deemed proper which do not conflict with the Constitution or By-Laws of the State or National Society.

No application for membership in the State Society, from any person residing within the jurisdiction of any Chapter, shall be acted upon by the officers of the State Society until it has been referred to the officers of the Chapter, and recommended by them, but if they refuse to recommend the applicant, the Board of Management may approve the application if it sees proper so to do, but the person shall not thereby become a member of the Chapter. With each applicant for membership recommended by any Chapter there shall be forwarded the sum of two dollars, and each Chapter shall, on or before the first day of January in each year, send a report of its membership to the Corresponding Secretary of this Society, giving the number of members who have paid the annual dues the preceding year, and the names of all delinquent members, and shall send with such report one dollar and twenty-five cents for each member not delinquent, and a failure to send such report, or to send the amount of such dues before, or at the annual meeting of this Society, shall be cause for a revocation of the warrant by this Society at its annual meeting. This article shall not be deemed to deprive any Chapter already organized of its jurisdiction over any part of its territory, but such Chapter shall in other respects be governed by the provisions of this article.

AMENDMENTS.

SECTION 9. No alteration of the By-Laws of the Society shall be made unless such alterations shall have been openly proposed at a previous meeting, and entered in the minutes with the name of the member proposing the same, and shall be adopted by a majority of the members present at a meeting of the Society.

Oregon and Washington Society.

130 MEMBERS.

Organized June 6th, 1891. Annnal meeting, February 22d, to commemorate Washington's Birthday.

LIST OF OFFICERS:

Col. Thomas M. Anderson, ... President.
George H. Williams, ... Vice President.
P. P. Dabney, ... Secretary.
Wallace McCamant, ... Registrar.
Ralph W. Hoyt, ... Treasurer.

Board of Managers:

Tyler Woodward, A. E. Borthwick,
La Fayette Grover, Col. J. K. Philips.

CONSTITUTION OF THE OREGON AND WASHINGTON SOCIETY.

ARTICLE I.—NAME.

The name of this Society shall be the OREGON AND WASHINGTON SOCIETY OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION.

ARTICLE II.—OBJECTS.

The objects of this Society are to perpetuate the memory of the men of the American Revolution; to honor the noble women of that period, from whom we descend; to revive the spirit of that time; to carry out the purposes expressed in the preamble of the Constitution of our country, and the injunctions of Washington's farewell address; to encourage historical research in our War of Independence; to collect relics and records of that time, to oppose, by moral means, the spread of anarchical ideas and lawlessness; to draw together in a firm and fraternal union the descendants of the patriots of the Revolution who are willing to cherish and maintain American freedom and see that our "Government of the people, by the people, and for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

ARTICLE III.—MEMBERSHIP.

Any male person is eligible for membership who is of the age of twenty-one years, and who is descended from an ancestor who, with unfailing loyalty, ren-

dered material aid to the cause of American Independence as a soldier or seaman, or as a civil officer in one of the several Colonies or States, or as a recognized patriot; provided he shall be found worthy.

ARTICLE IV.—OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. The officers of the Society shall be a President, Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer and a Registrar. The last three offices may be filled by one member, if the Society so elects.

SECTION 2. The officers named in the preceding section, together with four other members, shall constitute a Board of Managers, and this Board shall have the power to fill vacancies that may occur among the officers of the Society or the members of the Board.

SECTION 3. The officers and managers and delegates to the National Society shall be elected by a vote of the majority of the members voting at the annual meetings of the Society. This vote may be personal, by proxy or by letter. The officers and managers shall hold office for one year, or until their successors are elected.

ARTICLE V.—AMENDMENTS.

This Constitution shall be altered, amended or repealed only by a vote of three-fourths of the members of the Society, the vote being either personal, by proxy or by letter.

Amendments must be offered at least three months before the annual meetings, so that they can be submitted to the members of the Society.

BY-LAWS OF THE OREGON AND WASHINGTON SOCIETY.

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP.

SECTION 1. An applicant for admission to the Society must make application in duplicate (on forms obtained from the Secretary) enumerating the services of his ancestor in the War of Independence, together with the detailed statement of the intermediate generations of his pedigree. The applicant shall make oath that the statements of his application are true to the best of his knowledge and belief. Such applicant must be nominated by a member of the Society, and may be elected a member by a two-thirds vote at any meeting of the Society or of the Board of Managers.

SUSPENSIONS, ETC.

SECTION 2. The Board of Managers shall have power to suspend or to expell any member of the Society for sufficient cause by a vote of two-thirds of all the members of the Board; provided, two weeks' notice of the proposed action shall have been given to such member. A member so suspended or expelled shall have the right to appeal to a meeting of the Society from the action of the Board of Managers.

FEES AND DUES.

SECTION 3. The initiation fee shall be three dollars, and the annual dues three dollars.

MEETINGS.

SECTION 4. The annual meeting of this Society shall take place on the twenty-second of February of each year, except when such date shall fall on Sunday, when it shall take place on the following day. At this meeting the officers of the Society shall be elected, a majority of the votes for any officer constituting a choice.

The annual dues shall be collected at this meeting.

Special meetings of the Society may be held at the request of five members of the Society or of the Board of Managers.

QUORUM.

SECTION 5. At all meetings of the Society, not less than twelve members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, but a less number may adjourn from time to time.

DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT.

SECTION 6. The President, or, in his absence, the Vice President, or, in his absence, a chairman *pro tompore*, shall preside at all meetings of the Society. He shall exercise the usual functions of a presiding officer, and shall enforce a strict observance of the Constitution and By-Laws.

DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY.

SECTION 7. The Secretary shall conduct the general correspondence of the Society, and shall keep a record of the election, death or expulsion of members. He shall have charge of the seal, certificate of incorportion, and records of the Society. He, together with the presiding officers, shall certify all acts of the Society or Board of Managers. He shall, under direction of the President, give due notice of the time and place of all meetings of the Society and attend the same. He shall keep fair and accurate records of all the proceedings and orders of the Society, and shall give due notice to the officers and members of all votes, orders, resolutions and proceedings of the Society affecting them or appertaining to their respective duties. He shall perform such other duties and make such returns as may be prescribed by the Constituion and By-Laws of the National Society.

DUTIES OF THE TREASURER.

SECTION 8. The Treasurer shall collect all fees and dues, and shall have the care and custody of all the funds of the Society. He shall deposit the same in a bank to the credit of the Society, and shall draw them thence for the purpose of the Society only, as may be ordered by the Society or Board of Managers, upon the approval of the President and the certificate of the Secretary. He shall keep a true account of his receipts and disbursements, and at each annual meeting shall make report and submit his accounts for audit. He shall perform such other

duties as may be prescribed by the Constitution and By-Laws of the National Society.

DUTIES OF THE REGISTRAR.

SECTION 9. The Registrar shall have charge of the membership records and the historical, genealogical and biographical collections of the Society. He shall make such returns as may be prescribed by the Constitution and By-Laws of the National Society.

DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS.

SECTION 10. The Board of Managers shall have the general superintendence of the interests and business of the Society. They shall perform such other duties as may be committed to them by the Society. At each annual meeting they shall make a general report.

Four members shall constitute a quorum at all meetings of the Board.

ORGANIZATION OF CHAPTERS.

SECTION 11. When not fewer than seven members of this Society residing in the same locality desire to organize a Chapter thereof, they shall present a written request to the Board of Managers for authority to do so, which authority being granted, they may adopt such a Constitution and By-Laws, not inconsistent with the Constitution of this Society, as they may deem proper.

They shall have authority to admit members to the Chapter, but all such members must first be members in good standing of this Society, and none but such shall be continued in membership in any Chapter.

The President of any Chapter having a membership of not less than twelve members shall be, *ex officio*, a member of the Board of Managers of this Society.

A Chapter may select one or more delegates to represent it at any meeting of the Society.

In the election of officers for this Society, such a delegate or delegation shall be entitled to cast the votes of the Chapter only by presenting proxies therefor.

Upon all other issues before this Society, a Chapter may certify its actual vote. pro and con, to this Society, and such vote shall have the same potency as if cast by members of the Society actually present and voting.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

SECTION 12. At the annual meeting of this Society, the presiding officer shall appoint an Auditing Committee and a Committee on Resolutions, each consisting of three members, who shall serve for one year or until their successors are appointed, and who shall perform the duties ordinarily devolving upon such committees.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

SECTION 13. At all annual meetings of this Society, the following order of business shall be observed, viz.:

1. Opening exercises.
2. Calling roll of officers and members.
3. Reading minutes of last meeting.

4. Reports of officers:
    1. Of the President.
    2. Of the Vice President.
    3. Of the Registrar.
    4. Of the Board of Managers.
    5. Other official reports.
5. Unfinished business.
6. Reports of committees.
7. Election of Officers, Board of Managers and Delegates.
8. New business.
9. Appointment of standing committees, by President elect:
    1. Auditing Committee,
    2. Committee on Resolutions.
10. Final adjournment.

AMENDMENTS.

SECTION 14. Amendments to these By-Laws may be made at any meeting of the Society, by a vote of a majority of the members of the Society; provided, that a notice of the meeting and a copy of the proposed amendment shall be sent to every member at least three weeks prior to such meeting.

Pennsylvania Society.

68 MEMBERS.

Organized November 23d, 1893. Annual meeting February 22d, to commemorate Washington's Birthday.

LIST OF OFFICERS:

President,	William A. Herron,	Pittsburg.
Senior Vice President,	Howard Morton,	Pittsburg.
Vice Presidents,	George M. Laughlin,	Pittsburg.
	Dr. Hugh Hamilton,	Harrisburg.
	Roger Sherman,	Titusville.
Secretary,	Thomas Stephen Brown,	Pittsburg.
Treasurer,	John C. Porter,	Pittsburg.
Historian,	Benjamin Page,	Pittsburg.
Chaplain,	Rev. W. A. Stanton, D.D.,	Pittsburg.

Board of Managers:

Jos. D. Weeks,	Pittsburg.
A. J. Logan,	Pittsburg.
Alfred E. Hunt,	Pittsburg.
Oliver. O. Page,	Pittsburg.
Hugh Hamilton,	Harrisburg.
Mansfield A. Ross,	Coraopolis.
Roger Sherman,	Titusville.
E. G. Patterson,	Titusville.

CONSTITUTION OF THE PENNSYLVANIA SOCIETY.

ARTICLE I.—NAME.

The name of this Society shall be THE PENNSYLVANIA SOCIETY OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION.

ARTICLE II.—OBJECTS.

The objects of the Society shall be: To keep alive the patriotic spirit and perpetuate the memory of the men who, in military, naval or civil service, by their acts or counsel, achieved American Independence.

To collect and preserve the records, memorials, traditions and relics relating to the War of the Revolution, and to promote social intercourse and good feeling among its members now and hereafter, and to cherish, maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom and to foster true patriotism and love of country among all our people.

ARTICLE III.—MEMBERSHIP.

Any man is eligible for membership who, being of the age of twenty-one years or over, is lineally descended from an ancestor who, with unfailing loyalty, rendered material aid to the cause of American Independence as a soldier or a seaman, or a civil officer in one of the several Colonies or States, or of the United Colonies or States, or as a recognized patriot, provided that the applicant shall be acceptable to the Society.

ARTICLE IV.—OFFICERS AND MANAGERS.

The officers of the Society shall be a President, one or more Vice Presidents, a Secretary, a Treasurer, a Registrar, a Historian, and such others as may be deemed necessary, who shall be elected by a vote of the majority of the members present at the annual meeting of the Society, and who shall hold office for one year, or until their successors shall be elected, and who, with seven other members, shall constitute the Board of Management.

Delegates to the Congress of the Society shall be elected at each annual meeting, in accordance with the requirements of the Constitution of the Genera Society.

An Executive Committee of five, of which the President of the Society shall be the chairman, the other members of which may be appointed by the President from the Board of Management shall, in the interim between the meetings of the Board, transact such business as shall be delegated to it by the Board of Management.

ARTICLE V.—FEES AND DUES.

1. The initiation fee shall be five ($5) dollars; the annual dues three ($3) dollars; or the payment at one time of fifty ($50) dollars shall constitute a life member with exemption from payment of dues thereafter. When a member is elected after the annual meeting his dues for the remainder of that year shall be at the rate of twenty-five cents per month.

2. The annual dues shall be payable in advance on the twenty-second day of February in each year.

3. A member who shall remain in arrears for dues for three months after notice of his indebtedness has been sent him, may be dropped from the rolls by the Board of Management.

4. The receipts each year from initiation fees, life membership fees and dues, constituting the aggregate annual resources of the Society, shall be devoted by the Board of Management to the following objects, and no others, viz.:

1 Payment of the annual dues to the National Society.

2 Payment of current expenses.

3 Publication of such documents as may be deemed advisable.

4 Payment of such special expenses as may be authorized by the vote of two-thirds of the Board of Management.

ARTICLE VI.—MEETINGS AND ELECTIONS.

1. The annual meeting for election of officers and transaction of business shall be held at noon on the twenty-second day of February, the anniversary of the birth of George Washington, in every year, except when that date shall fall on Sunday, in which case the meeting shall be held on the following day.

2. Special meetings may be called by the President of the Board of Management at any time for business purposes or for the purpose of celebrating events of the Revolution or other patriotic events, or devising means for the prosecution of patriotic work. The President shall call a special meeting whenever requested in writing so to do by five or more members.

3. General business may be transacted at any special meeting.

4. Seven members shall constitute a quorum at all meetings except that three members shall be a quorum of the Executive Committee.

5. All nominations for officers shall be made from the floor and not by committee, and all elections to office shall be by ballot. The persons receiving the majority of all the votes cast shall be declared elected, and shall hold office for the ensuing term and until their successors shall be elected.

ARTICLE VII.—AMENDMENTS.

Amendments to this Constitution may be offered at any meeting of the Society, but shall not be acted on until the next meeting. A copy of every proposed amendment shall be sent to each member, with a notice of the meeting at which the same is to be acted on at least one week prior to said meeting.

A vote of two-thirds of those present shall be necessary to the adoption of any amendment.

BY-LAWS OF THE PENNSYLVANIA SOCIETY.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS.

SECTION 1. Members shall be elected as follows: Candidates may send their applications, together with documents and other proofs of qualification for membership,* to the Secretary; and, upon a favorable report from the Board of Management, and upon the payment of the initiation fee, shall become members of the Society.

THE PRESIDENT.

SECTION 2. The President, or in his absence the Vice President, or in his absence, a Chairman *pro tempore*, shall preside at all meetings of the Society and

*It is required that all applications shall be made upon the standard form of APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP issued by authority of the Executive Committee, N. S., S. A. R., which provides for:

1. A statement of the services of the ancestor of the applicant in aid of the establishment of American Independence.

2. A detailed statement of the intermediate generations of his pedigree, with full names of maternal and paternal ancestors in each generation, and, if possible, dates and places of birth and death, and places of residence.

3. A recommendation of the candidate by two members of the Society, and a letter from one of the recommending members.

4. An affidavit by the applicant in support of the statements contained in his application.

Board of Management, and have a casting vote. He shall exercise the usual functions of a presiding officer, and shall enforce a strict observance of the Constitution and By-Laws and of the regulations and rules of the Society.

THE SECRETARY.

SECTION 3. The Secretary shall conduct the general correspondence of the Society and such other matters as may be directed by the Society. He shall have charge of the seal, certificate of incorporation, by-laws and records of the Society, and together with the presiding officer, shall certify all acts of the society.

He shall keep fair and accurate records of all the proceedings and orders of the Society; and shall give notice to the several officers of all votes, orders, resolves and proceedings of the Society affecting them or appertaining to their respective duties.

He shall notify all members of their election, and shall, under the direction of the President or Vice President, give due notice of the time and place of all meetings of the Society, and attend the same.

THE TREASURER.

SECTION 4. The Treasurer shall collect and keep the funds and securities of the Society; they shall be deposited in some bank or savings institute in this city, to the credit of THE PENNSYLVANIA SOCIETY OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, and shall be drawn thence on the checks of the Treasurer for the purposes of the Society only. Out of these funds he shall pay such sums only as may be ordered by the Society. or by the Board of Management.

He shall keep a true account of his receipts and payments, and at each annual meeting render the same to the Society, when a committee shall be appointed to audit his accounts.

If, from the annual report of the Treasurer, there shall appear to be a balance against the Treasurer, no appropriation of money shall be made for any object but the necessary current expenses of the Society until such balance is paid.

THE REGISTRAR.

SECTION 5. The Registrar shall keep a roll of members, and in his hands shall be lodged, all the proofs of membership qualification, and all the historical and genealogical papers, manuscript or other, of which the Society may become possessed; and. under the direction of the Board of Management, shall keep copies of such similar documents as the owners thereof may not be willing to leave permanently in the keeping of the Society. He shall verify all statements of the revolutionary services of ancestors that may be made in the applications for membership, and make report to the Board of Managers.

THE HISTORIAN.

SECTION 6. The Historian shall keep the records of the historical and commemorative meetings of the Society, and shall supervise the preparation and printing of all its historical publications, other than those of the membership rolls.

He shall submit at each annual meeting a list of the members who may have died during the year, accompanied by biographical memoirs.

Rhode Island Society.

148 MEMBERS.

Organized February 1st, 1890. Annual meeting, February 22d, to commemorate Washington's Birthday.

LIST OF OFFICERS:

President, Edward Field, . . City Hall, Providence.
Vice President, Wm. Maxwell Greene,
28 George St., Providence.
Secretary, Christopher Rhodes,
290 Benefit Street, Providence.
Treasurer, Olney Arnold II., 21 Stevens Street, Providence.
Registrar, Robert P. Brown, 17 Planet Street. Providence.
Historian, Wilfred H. Munro, Brown University, Providence.
Chaplain, Rev. Edward O. Bartlett, . . Providence.
Poet, Rev. Fred. Denison, 28 South Court Street, Providence.

CONSTITUTION OF THE RHODE ISLAND SOCIETY.

ARTICLE I.—NAME.

The name of this Society shall be THE RHODE ISLAND SOCIETY OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION.

ARTICLE II.—OBJECTS OF THE SOCIETY.

The purposes of the Society are patriotic and social; to cherish and maintain among ourselves and our descendants and in the community, the institutions of American freedom; to perpetuate the spirit and memory of the deeds of the patriots who achieved American Independence, and who secured to us the blessings of liberty; to promote the fitting celebration of anniversaries commemorating the events connected with the War of the Revolution; to collect and preserve documents and relics relating to said War; and to promote social intercourse and fellowship among its members now and hereafter.

ARTICLE III.—ELIGIBILITY.

Any man shall be eligible to membership in this Society, who, being of the age of twenty-one years or over, and a citizen of good repute in the community, is the lineal descendant of an ancestor, who was at all times unfailing in his loyalty to,

and rendered actual service in, the cause of American Independence, either as an officer, soldier, seaman, marine, militia man or minute man, in the armed forces of the Continental Congress, or of any one of the several Colonies or States; or as a signer of the Declaration of Independence; or as a member of a Committee of Safety or Correspondence; or as a member of any Continental, Provisional or Colonial Congress or Legislature; or as a civil officer, either of one of the Colonies or States, or of the National Government; or as a recognized patriot, who performed actual service by overt acts of resistence to the authority of Great Britain.

ARTICLE IV.—OFFICERS.

The officers of this Society shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar, Historian, Chaplain and Poet, who shall hold office until their successors are elected.

ARTICLE V.—MEETINGS.

A meeting of the Society for the election of officers shall be held annually in the City of Providence on the 22d day of February, at 12 o'clock noon, at such place as may be designated by the Board of Managers.

There shall also be elected, in addition to the officers provided for in Article IV, one Delegate at Large and one Delegate for each one hundred or fraction of one hundred, exceeding fifty members, who, together with such officers as are provided for by the Constitution of the National Society, shall represent this Society in the National Society. Upon the completion of such election and the transaction of such business as shall be appropriate to the annual meeting, said meeting shall adjourn to a place which shall be provided by the Board of Managers, where a dinner shall be served, at which the newly elected President shall preside. Included in the exercises attending the annual dinner shall be a toast "To the Patriots of the American Revolution."

Whenever said 22d day of February shall fall on Sunday the meeting shall be held on the following day.

In the elections by the Society a majority of the ballots cast shall be necessary for a choice.

ARTICLE VI.—BOARD OF MANAGERS.

There shall be a Board of Managers, whose duty it shall be to conduct the affairs of this Society, which Board shall consist of the officers of this Society and the delegates to the National Society.

ARTICLE VII.

The President, Vice President and Chaplain shall not be eligible for re-election as their own successors.

ARTICLE VIII.—SEAL.

The seal of the Society shall be two inches in diameter and shall represent a lighted beacon surmounting a hill enveloped by thirteen stars, the whole encirled by a band one quarter of an inch wide, upon which shall appear the legend, in raised letters, "RHODE ISLAND SOCIETY OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, Organized February 1, 1890."

ARTICLE IX.—AMENDMENTS.

This Constitution may be amended at any regular meeting of the Society or at any special meeting called for that purpose; provided, that the proposed amendment shall be introduced at a previous regular or special meeting of the Society, and approved by a majority of the members present.

BY-LAWS OF THE RHODE ISLAND SOCIETY.

SECTION 1. All applications for membership in this Society shall be in duplicate upon blank forms furnished by the Society, and each application shall be accompanied by the membership fee, which shall be returned if the applicant is not accepted. Such application shall be submitted to the Registrar for examination, and shall be reported by him to the Board of Managers, and when approved by said Board and the Registrar General, and upon subscribing to the Constitution and By-Laws the applicant shall become a member of the Society.

SECTION 2. The membership fee shall be one dollar, and yearly dues two dollars. The payment of fifty dollars by a member at any one time shall constitute the person paying such sum a life member, and he shall thereafter be exempt from the payment of annual dues, and any amount so received shall be set aside and invested as a permanent fund, the income only to be used for such purposes as the Board of Managers shall determine. Annual dues shall be paid the Secretary on or before the 22d day of February in each year, but members becoming such during the months of December and January, and in February previous to the 22d day, shall not be liable for payment of dues for the preceding year. The Secretary shall notify the members three months in arrears, and non-payment of dues in three months thereafter shall be regarded as terminating the membership of such person, unless the member shall present a satisfactory excuse acceptable to the Board of Managers.

SECTION 3. The Society shall hold at least one meeting in each year for the purpose of celebrating some event in Revolutionary history; at such time and place as may be determined by the Board of Managers, and said Board shall also determine the manner of such celebration.

SECTION 4. The regular meetings of the Board of Managers shall be held upon the third Wednesday of January, April, July and October in each year. Special meetings may be called by the President at any time, and shall be called upon the written request of any three members of the Board of Managers, or five members of the Society. Three members of the Board of Managers shall constitute a quorom at a meeting of said Board. Five members of the Society shall constitute a quorum at a meeting of said Society.

SECTION 5. The President, or in his absence the Vice President, or in their absence, a chairmen *pro tem.*, shall preside at all meetings of the Society and of the Board of Managers, and shall have a casting vote. The presiding officer shall preserve order, and shall decide all questions of order, subject to appeal to the meeting. He shall present an address in writing at the annual meeting at the end of his term of office.

SECTION 6. The Secretary shall receive all money from the members, and shall pay it over to the Treasurer, taking his receipt for the same. He shall conduct the general correspondence of the Society, shall notify the members of their election to membership and to office, and of such other matters as the Society may direct. He shall have charge of the seal, and such records of the Society as are not herein given especially in charge of the other officers of the Society, and together with the presiding officer he shall certify all acts and orders of the Society. He shall, under the direction of the President or acting President, give notice of the time and place of all meetings of the Society and of the Board of Managers, and shall attend the same. He shall keep accurate reports of the meetings of the Society and of the Board of Managers, and shall give such notices of the votes, orders and proceedings of the Society or Board of Managers, as they shall direct, and he shall report in writing at each annual meeting.

SECTION 7. The Treasurer shall receive all money from the Secretary and give his receipt for the same; which money he shall deposit in the name of the Society and shall pay out only for the benefit of the Society, in such sums as the Society or the Board of Managers may direct, and upon the order of the Secretary, countersigned by the President. He shall keep a true account of his receipts and disbursements, and at each annual meeting shall make a full report to the Society. The books of the Secretary and Treasurer shall at all times be open to the inspection of the President and the Board of Managers and to the Auditing Committee.

SECTION 8. The Board of Managers shall judge of the qualifications of applicants for membership, and shall have control and management of the affairs of the Society. They shall appoint an Auditing Committee; they shall also have power to fill all vacancies.

SECTION 9. The Registrar shall receive all applications and proofs of membership; he shall examine the same, and report his opinion thereon to the Board of Managers. He may return imperfect and incorrect applications to the applicant for correction or completion. He shall forward to the Registrar General one copy of such applications as have been approved by him and accepted by the Board of Managers, and preserve one copy in the files in his office, and shall make a record of the same in a book prepared for that purpose, and from time to time have the originals suitably bound for preservation. He shall have the custody of all the historical, geographical, and genealogical papers, books, manuscripts, and relics of which the Society may become possessed. He shall be authorized to deposit such books, papers, manuscripts and relics in the Rhode Island Historical Society as may be necessary for their safety and preservation, to be marked, "Deposited by the RHODE ISLAND SOCIETY OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION." He shall receive twenty-five cents for recording each accepted application, and shall make a report in writing at each annual meeting.

SECTION 10. The Historian shall keep a record of all facts in connection with the Society which he may judge to be of historic value, and shall make an address in writing at each annual dinner.

SECTION 11. The Chaplain shall perform such devotional and religious duties as may be called for by the Board of Managers in the course of business or exercises of the Society.

SECTION 12. One of the objects of the Society being to collect and preserve documents relating to the War of the Revolution, it shall be the duty of the Board of Managers to provide for the annual publication of a volume under the general title, "MANUAL OF THE RHODE ISLAND SOCIETY OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION," which shall contain besides the yearly reports and proceedings of the Society, and names of members admitted from time to time. with an account of their ancestors' service in the Revolution, such papers or documents as may be obtained by the Society outside of the Public Archives relating to the American Revolution, the expense of the same to be paid by the Society.

SECTION 13. These By-Laws shall not be altered or amended unless such alterations or amendments shall have been proposed in writing at a previous meeting of the Board of Managers, and shall have been entered upon the records, with name of the member proposing the change, and shall be adopted by a majority of the members present at a regular meeting of the Society, or at a special meeting called for that purpose.

Utah Society.

17 MEMBERS.

Organized January 29th, 1895. Annual meeting February 22d, to commemorate Washington's Birthday.

LIST OF OFFICERS:

President, General William Henry Penrose, U. S. A., Fort Douglas, Utah.
Senior Vice President, Samuel A. Merritt,
Chief Justice of Utah, . . Salt Lake City, Utah.
Secretary, Ledyard M. Bailey, . Salt Lake City, Utah.
Treasurer, Hoyt Sherman, Jr., . Salt Lake City, Utah.
Registrar, Delmar R. Lowell,
Chaplain, U. S. A., . . Fort Douglas, Utah.
Historian, Charles C. Goodwin, . Salt Lake City, Utah.
Chaplain, Delmar R. Lowell.

CONSTITUTION OF THE UTAH SOCIETY.

ARTICLE I.—NAME.

The name of this Society shall be "THE UTAH STATE SOCIETY OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION."

ARTICLE II.—NATIONAL SOCIETY.

This Society shall be part of the NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION. It recognizes all State Societies of THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION as co-equal and their members as our compatriots, entitled to receive from this Society such information, assistance and fraternal consideration as may best promote the objects of the Society.

ARTICLE III.—OBJECTS.

The objects of this Society shall be to perpetuate the memory of the men who, by their services and sacrifices during the War of the American Revolution, achieved the Independence of the American people; to unite and promote fellowship among their descendants; to inspire them and the community at large with a more profound reverence for the principles of the government founded by our forefathers; to encourage historical research in relation to the American Revolution; to acquire and preserve the records of the individual services of the

patriots of the Revolution, as well as documents, relics and landmarks; to mark the scenes of the Revolution by appropriate memorials; to celebrate the anniversaries of the prominent events of the Revolution; to foster true patriotism; to maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom; and to carry out the purposes expressed in the preamble to the Constitution of our country, and the injunctions of Washington in his farewell address to the American people.

ARTICLE IV.—MEMBERSHIP.

SECTION 1. Any man shall be eligible to membership who, being of the age of twenty-one years or over, and a citizen of good repute in the community, is the lineal descendant of an ancestor who was at all times unfailing in his loyalty to, and rendered actual service in, the cause of American Independence, either as an officer, soldier, seaman, marine, militiaman or minute man, in the armed forces of the Continental Congress, or of any one of the several Colonies or States; or as a Signer of the Declaration of Independence; or as a member of any Continental, Provisional or Colonial Congress or Legislature, or as a civil officer either of one of the Colonies or States or of the National Government; or as a recognized patriot who performed actual service by overt acts of resistance to the authority of Great Britain. He may be elected a member of this Society, provided that upon investigation he is found to be acceptable.

SECTION 2. Applications for membership shall be made in duplicate, upon blank forms prescribed by the General Board of Managers of the National Society, and shall in each case set forth the name, occupation and residence of the applicant, his line of descent, and the name, residence and services of his ancestors or ancestor in the Revolution from whom he derives his eligibility. The applicant shall make oath that the statements of his application are true according to the best of his knowledge and belief; and his application shall be endorsed by two members of the Society, and shall be subject to such other requirements as may be prescribed by the rules or By-Laws of the Society.

SECTION 3. Whenever a member in good standing changes his residence to the jurisdiction of another State Society, he shall be entitled to a certificate of honorable demission, in order that he may be transferred to said Society; providing that no such certificate shall be given unless all dues and fees are paid, and said membership in this Society shall not cease until membership in such other State Society be established.

SECTION 4. If for any reason a member resigns or is dropped from the rolls of this Society, the number of his insignia shall be cancelled, and his name shall no longer appear in the Year Book of the Society.

ARTICLE V.—OFFICERS.

The officers of this Society shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar, Chaplain, Historian, and a Board of Managers, twelve in number, inclusive of the officers before named. The officers and delegates to the National Congress shall be elected by a majority of the members present at the annual meeting, and shall hold office for one year, or until their successors are elected. An Assistant Secretary and Assistant Registrar may be elected if at any time the business of the Society shall require it.

ARTICLE VI.—FEES AND DUES.

SECTION 1. The initiation fee shall be five dollars ($5.00); the annual dues three dollars ($3.00); or, the payment at one time of fifty dollars ($50.00) shall constitute a life membership, with exemption from payment of annual dues thereafter. When a member is elected after the annual meeting, his dues for the remainder of the year shall be at the rate of twenty-five (25) cents per month.

SECTION 2. The annual dues shall be payable in advance, on the twenty-second day of February of each year.

SECTION 3. When the dues of any member shall remain unpaid for six months, the Treasurer shall give him notice that unless the same be paid within thirty days his membership shall cease; and in case such dues are not paid, pursuant to such notice, he shall cease to be a member.

SECTION 4. The receipts each year from initiation fees, life membership fees and dues, constituting the aggregate annual resources of the Society, shall be devoted by the Board of Management to the following objects, and no others:

1st. Payment of annual dues to the National Society.

2d. Payment of current expenses.

3d. Publication of such documents as may be deemed advisable.

4th. Payment of such special expenses as the Board of Managers may direct upon a two-thirds vote.

ARTICLE VII.—BOARD OF MANAGERS.

The Board of Managers shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Chaplain, Historian and Registrar, *ex-officio*, and five members who shall be elected as hereinbefore provided. This Board shall judge of the qualifications of the candidates for admission to the Society and elect the same; and may establish local chapters with such power as it may deem proper, within its power; may expel any member after due notice and impartial trial, who by conduct unbecoming a gentleman shall render himself unworthy to remain a member—subject to appeal to the Society; shall have charge of all meetings; shall recommend plans for promoting the objects of the Society; shall authorize the disbursement and expenditure of money in the treasury for current expenses, and shall generally superintend the interests of the Society. It shall make, through the President, a general report of its transactions at the annual meeting of the Society. At all meetings of the Board of Managers five or more shall be sufficient to transact business.

ARTICLE VIII.—MEETINGS AND ELECTIONS.

SECTION 1. The Annual Meeting for election of officers and transaction of business shall be held on the twenty-second day of February, the anniversary of the birth of George Washington, in every year, except when that date falls on Sunday, when the meeting shall be held on the following day.

SECTION 2. Special meetings may be called by the President or Board of Managers at any time, for business purposes, or for the purpose of celebrating events of the Revolution or other patriotic events. The President shall call a special meeting whenever requested in writing so to do, by five or more members.

SECTION 3. General business may be transacted at any special meeting.

SECTION 4. Ten members shall constitute a quorum at any meeting. Ayes and nays shall be called at any meeting of the Society upon demand of five members.

SECTION 5. All nominations for officers shall be made from the floor and not by committee; and all elections to office shall be by ballot. The persons receiving a majority of all the votes cast shall be elected and shall hold office for the ensuing term, and until their successors shall be elected.

ARTICLE IX.—AMENDMENTS.

Amendments to this Constitution may be offered at any meeting of the Society, but shall not be acted upon until the next meeting. A copy of every proposed amendment shall be sent to each member of the Society, with a notice of the meeting at which the same is to be acted upon, at least one week prior to said meeting. A vote of two-thirds of those present at such meeting shall be necessary to the adoption of any amendment.

BY-LAWS OF THE UTAH SOCIETY.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS.

SECTION 1. Every applicant for admission to this Society shall file with the Registrar his application as prescribed in the Constitution, together with such documents and other papers of qualification as he may have, and the initiation fee of five dollars ($5). If found eligible and acceptable, his name shall then be published in an official circular, and the Board of Managers may elect him as a member, subject to the approval of his application by the Registrar General of the National Society. If any applicant be not approved or elected as a member, his papers and initiation fee shall be promptly returned to him.

THE PRESIDENT.

SECTION 2. The President, or in his absence the Vice President, or in his absence, a Chairman *pro tempore*, shall preside at all meetings of the Society and Board of Managers and shall have a casting vote. He shall exercise the functions of a presiding officer, and shall enforce strict observance of the Constitution and By-Laws, and of the rules and regulations of the Society.

THE SECRETARY.

SECTION 3. The Secretary shall conduct the general correspondence of the Society, and shall keep a fair and accurate record of all the proceedings of the Society; shall have charge of the records, seal, certificate of incorporation, constitution and by-laws of the Society; shall notify members of their election; give due notice to all members of all meetings, and perform such other similar duties as may be required of him by the Board of Managers. He shall also, together with the President, certify all acts of the Society.

THE TREASURER.

SECTION 4. The Treasurer shall collect and keep the funds and securities of the Society, and shall deposit the same in a bank in the City of Salt Lake, approved by the Board of Managers, to the credit of the Utah Society Sons of the American Revolution, to be withdrawn thence only on the check of the Treasurer, for the purposes of the Society. Out of these funds he shall pay such sums only as may be ordered by the Society or Board of Managers. He shall keep a true account of his receipts and payments, and at each annual meeting render the same to the Society.

THE REGISTRAR.

SECTION 5. The Registrar shall keep a roll of members of the Society, and in his hands shall be lodged all the proofs of membership qualification, and all the historical and genealogical papers, manuscripts or other records of which the Society may become possessed. He shall verify all statements of the Revolutionary services of ancestors that may be made in the applications for membership, and make report thereon to the Board of Managers.

THE HISTORIAN.

SECTION 6. The Historian shall keep the records of the historical and commemorative meetings of the Society, and shall supervise the preparation and printing of all its historical publications other than those of the membership rolls. He shall submit at each annual meeting a list of the members who have died during the year, accompanied by biographical memoirs.

FORM FOR INSTALLATION OF COMPATRIOTS.

SECTION 7. The gentlemen who have been elected members since the last installation will come forward. The Compatriots who endorsed the applications in these cases will escort the gentlemen to the front of the Chair.

The Presiding officer will then say:

"Gentlemen, the interests, objects and principles of this Society are committed to our united care. We are pledged 'to cherish, maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom, to foster true patriotism and love of country, and to aid in securing for mankind all the blessings of liberty.' Do you so pledge yourselves?"

Answer: "We do."

The Compatriots will rise: "Your properly constituted authorities have, after due care, recommended and elected these gentlemen, and they are now formally accepted as Compatriots of this Society."

The members of the Society will then say: "Compatriots, we welcome you most heartily."

Vermont Society.

231 MEMBERS.

Organized April 2d, 1889. Annual meeting August 16th, to commemorate the Battle of Bennington.

LIST OF OFFICERS:

President, Zophar M. Mansur, . . . Island Pond.
Vice President, Daniel W. Robinson. . . Burlington.
Secretary, Charles S. Forbes, ... St. Albans.
Treasurer, Milton K. Paine, ... Windsor.
Registrar, Henry L. Stillson, ... Bennington.
Historian, George G. Benedict, . . . Burlington.
Chaplain, Rev. Charles R. Seymour, . . Bennington.

Board of Managers:

F. Stewart Stranahan, . . St. Albans.
Olin Scott, ... Bennington.
Benjamin F. Fifield, . . . Montpelier.
Fletcher D. Proctor, . . . Proctor.
Heman W. Allen, . . . Burlington.
Fred D. Butterfield, . . . Derby Line.
Herbert E. Taylor, . . . Brattleboro.

CONSTITUTION OF THE VERMONT SOCIETY.

ARTICLE I.

The name of this Society shall be "THE VERMONT SOCIETY OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION."

ARTICLE II.

This Society shall be perpetual.

ARTICLE III.

The purpose of this Society is to keep alive among ourselves and our descendants and in the community, the patriotic spirit of the men who achieved American Independence; to collect and secure for preservation manuscript rolls, records and other documents relating to the War of the Revolution; and to promote social intercourse and good fellowship among its members.

ARTICLE IV.

Any person shall be eligible for membership in the Society who is above the age of twenty-one (21) years, and who is descended from an ancestor who assisted in establishing American Independence in the War of the Revolution in any one of the following capacities:

1. As a military or naval officer.
2. As a soldier, sailor or marine.
3. As a member of the Committee of Correspondence, Council of Safety or other similar body.
4. As an official in the service of any one of the original States or Colonies or of the Independent Commonwealth of Vermont.
5. As an official in the service of the United States or member of the Continental Congress.
6. As a recognized patriot who rendered material service to the cause of American Independence.

ARTICLE V.

The officers of the Society shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar, Historian, Chaplain and a Board of Managers, consisting of those officers *ex-officio*, and seven other members. The officers, managers and delegates to the National Society shall be elected by a vote of a majority of the members present at the annual meeting of the Society, and shall hold office for one year, or until their successors are elected.

The Board of Managers shall fill any vacancy occurring among the officers of the Society or members of the Board, or the Delegates to the National Society.

ARTICLE VI.

This Constitution may be amended by a vote of three-fourths of the members of the Society present at any regular or special meeting, provided that written notice of such proposed alteration be given by the Secretary to members, five days previous to such meeting.

BY-LAWS OF THE VERMONT SOCIETY.

SECTION 1. Members shall be elected as follows: Candidates shall send their names and proofs of qualification for membership to the Secretary, who shall report the same to the Board of Managers, for action thereupon.

A vote of two thirds of the Managers present at any meeting of the Board shall be necessary to the election of a member. The amount of the initiation fee shall accompany the application, the fee to be returned to the applicant in case the application is rejected. No member shall be considered as elected until the initiation fee of three dollars, which shall be understood to include the aunual dues for the current year, is paid.

SECTION 2. The initiation fee, which shall be held to include the annual dues of one dollar for the current year, shall be three dollars. The payment at one time of fifty ($50) dollars shall constitute a life member; and the member so paying shall be exempt from the payment of annual dues.

The annual dues shall be payable on or before the first day of January of each year, A member who shall remain in arrears for dues for one year, after notice of his indebtedness has been sent him, may be dropped from the roll by vote of the Board of Managers.

SECTION 3. The Society shall hold its annual meeting on the 16th day of August, the anniversary of the Battle of Bennington, in each year, except when such date shall fall on Sunday, in which event the meeting shall be held on the day previous to, or the day following, as may be directed by the Board of Managers.

SECTION 4. At all meetings of the Society five (5) members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

SECTION 5. The President, or in his absence, the Vice President, or in his absence, a chairman *pro tempore*, shall preside at all meetings of the Society.

SECTION 6. The Secretary shall conduct the general correspondence of the Society. He shall notify members of their election. He shall have charge of the seal, certificate of incorporation, By-Laws and records of the Society. He, together with the presiding officer, shall certify all acts of the Society. He shall give due notice of the time and place of all meetings of the Society, and attend the same. He shall keep a fair and accurate record of the proceedings and orders of the Society and of the Board of Managers; and shall give notice to the several officers of all votes, orders, resolves and proceedings of the Society affecting them or appertaining to their respective duties.

SECTION 7. The Treasurer shall collect and keep the funds and securities of the Society; they shall be deposited in some bank or savings institute in this State, to the credit of the Vermont Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, and shall be drawn thence on the check of the Treasurer for the purposes of the Society only. Out of these funds he shall pay such sums only as may be ordered by the Society, or by the Board of Managers. He shall keep a true account of his receipts and payments, and, at each annual meeting, render the same to the Society, when a committee shall be appointed to audit his accounts.

SECTION 8. The Registrar shall keep a roll of members, and in his hands shall be lodged all the proofs of membership qualification, and all the historical and geneological papers of which the Society may become possessed.

SECTION 9. The duties of the Historian and Chaplain shall be such as usually devolve upon such officers.

SECTION 10. These By-Laws may be altered or amended by vote of a majority of the members present at any regular meeting of the Society, provided that notice of the proposed alteration shall have been given at a previous meeting.

SECTION 11. The Board of Managers shall judge of the qualification of candidates for admission to the Society, and elect the same. They shall, through the Secretary, call special meetings at any time, upon the written request of five members, and at such other times as they see fit. They shall digest and prepare business; shall authorize the disbursement and expenditure of unappropriated money in the treasury for the payment of current expenses of the Society; and shall, in general, superintend the interests of the Society. At meetings of the Board of Managers, five or more shall be sufficient for the transaction of business.

Virginia Society.

30 MEMBERS.

Organized July 7th, 1890. Annual meeting May 15th, to commemorate Virginia's Resolution for Independence.

LIST OF OFFICERS:

President, William Wirt Henry, . . .	Richmond.
Senior Vice President, Miles Turpin Phillips,	Richmond.
Secretary, Barton H. Wise, ...	Richmond.
Treasurer, Richard H. Gaines, . . .	Richmond.
Registrar, Historian, } R. A. Brock, ...	Richmond.

CONSTITUTION OF THE VIRGINIA SOCIETY.

ARTICLE I.—NAME OF THE SOCIETY.

The name of this Society shall be the "VIRGINIA SOCIETY OF SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION."

ARTICLE II.—OBJECTS.

The objects of this Society shall be to perpetuate the memory and the spirit of the men who achieved American Independence, by the encouragement of historical research in relation to the Revolution, and the publication of its results; to preserve documents and relics and the records of the individual services of Revolutionary soldiers and patriots; to promote the celebration of all patriotic anniversaries; to carry out the injunction of Washington in his farewell address to the American people, "to promote, as an object of primary importance, institutions for the general diffusion of knowledge," thus developing an enlightened public opinion, and affording to young and old such advantages as shall develop in them the largest capacity for performing the duties of American citizens; to cherish, maintain, and extend the institutions of American freedom; to foster true patriotism and love of country, and to aid in securing for mankind all the blessings of liberty.

ARTICLE III.—MEMBERSHIP.

SECTION 1. Any man is eligible for membership who is of the age of twenty-one years, and who is descended from an ancestor who, with unfailing loyalty, rendered material aid to the cause of American Independence as a soldier or seaman, or a civil officer in one of the several Colonies or States, or as a recognized patriot; provided he shall be found worthy.

SECTION 2. Any person may be eligible for honorary membership, subject to the limitations as to age and descent established in the case of active members.

ARTICLE IV.—OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. The officers of the Society shall be a President, a First Vice President, a Second Vice President, a Third Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer and a Registrar, who, with six other members, shall constitute a Board of Managers.

SECTION 2. The officers and managers, and delegates to the National Society, shall be elected by a vote of the majority of the members present at the annual meetings of the Society, and shall hold office for one year, or until their successors are elected.

SECTION 3. The Board of Managers shall fill any vacancy occurring among the officers of the Society or the members of the Board, or the delegates to the National Society.

SECTION 4. In addition to the officers above provided for, the Board of Managers may, from time to time, appoint a Chaplain, a Historian, and such subordinate officers as they may deem necessary, who shall hold office until the annual meeting next succeeding their appointment.

ARTICLE V.—MEETINGS.

SECTION 1. The annual meeting shall be held on the twenty-second day of February, the anniversary of the birth of George Washington, except when that date shall fall on Sunday, in which case the meeting shall be held on the Monday immediately following.

SECTION 2. The hour and place of meeting shall be designated by the Board of Managers.

SECTION 3. Special meetings may be called by the President or Board of Managers at any time. The President shall call a special meeting whenever requested in writing so to do by five or more members.

SECTION 4. Ten members shall constitute a quorum at all meetings.

SECTION 5. General business may be transacted at any special meeting.

ARTICLE VI.—AMENDMENTS.

Amendments to this Constitution may be offered at any meeting of the Society, but shall not be acted on till the next meeting. A copy of every proposed amendment shall be sent to each member, with a notice of the meeting at which the same is to be acted on, at least one week prior to said meeting. A vote of two-thirds of those present shall be necessary to its adoption.

BY-LAWS OF THE VIRGINIA SOCIETY.

ARTICLE I.—ELECTION OF MEMBERS.

SECTION 1. An applicant for admission to the Society must make application in duplicate (on forms to be obtained from the Secretary), enumerating the services of his ancestor in the War for Independence, together with a detailed

statement of the intermediate generations of his pedigree, which must be supported by affidavit; and such applicant must be nominated by a member of the Society or be recommended by a well-known citizen of Virginia, and may be elected a member by a two-thirds vote at any meeting of the Society or of the Board of Managers.

SECTION 2. Any person whose eligibility is established, as provided in the Constitution, may be elected an honorary member by a three-fourths' vote at any meeting of the Society.

SECTION 3. The Board of Managers shall have power to suspend or expel any member of the Society for sufficient cause, by a vote of two-thirds of all the members of the Board, provided that at least two weeks' notice of such proposed action shall have been given to such member. A member so suspended or expelled shall have the right to appeal to a meeting of the Society from the action of the Board of Managers.

ARTICLE II.—SPECIAL RECORD.

For the purpose of making more nearly perfect the records of our Revolutionary ancestors and their descendants, any woman may file with the Registrar a duplicate record of her ancestors' services in the cause of American Independence and of the intermediate generations of her pedigree, one copy of which shall be deposited among the archives of the National Society.

ARTICLE III.—FUNDS, DUES, ETC.

SECTION 1. The initiation fee shall be three dollars ($3.00) and the annual dues two dollars ($2.00); or, the payment at one time of forty dollars shall constitute life membership, with exemption from dues thereafter.

SECTION 2. The annual dues shall be payable on the twenty-second day of February in each year, but in assessing the same a fraction of a year of three months or less shall be disregarded.

SECTION 3. A reserve fund shall be established, which shall consist of all initiation fees, life membersip fees, and donations other than those designated for special purpose; and this fund shall be invested by the Board of Managers, and the interest only devoted to payment of the current expenses of the Society.

ARTICLE IV.—THE PRESIDENT.

The President, or in his absence the Vice President, or in his absence, a chairman *pro tempore*, shall preside at all meetings of the Society and Board of Managers, and shall have a casting vote. He shall exercise the usual functions of a presiding officer, and shall enforce a strict observance of the Constitution and By-Laws and of the regulations and rules of the Society and Board of Managers.

ARTICLE V.—THE SECRETARY.

The Secretary shall conduct the general correspondence of the Society, and shall keep a record of the election, death, resignation or expulsion of all members. He shall have charge of the seal, certificate of incorporation, and records of the Society. He, together with the presiding officer, shall certify all acts of the

Society or of Board of Managers. He shall, under the direction of the President, give due notice of the time and place of all meetings of the Society and attend the same. He shall keep fair and accurate records of all the proceedings and orders of the Society, and shall give due notice to the officers and members of all votes, orders, resolves and proceedings of the Society affecting them or appertaining to their respective duties. He shall perform such other duties and make such returns as may be prescribed by the Constitution and By Laws of the National Society.

ARTICLE VI.—THE TREASURER.

The Treasurer shall collect all fees and dues and shall have the care and custody of all the funds of the Society. He shall deposit the same in a bank or savings institution in this State to the credit of the "VIRGINIA SOCIETY OF SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION," and shall draw them thence for the purposes of the Society only, as may be ordered by the Society or by the Board of Managers, upon the approval of the President and the certificate of the Secretary. He shall keep a true account of his receipts and disbursements, and at each annual meeting shall make report and submit his accounts for audit. He shall perform such other duties and make such returns as may be prescribed by the Constitution and By-Laws of the National Society.

ARTICLE VII.—THE REGISTRAR.

The Registrar shall, if practicable, be a member of the State Historical Society. He shall have charge of the membership records, and the historical, genealogical and biographical collections of the Society, manuscript or other, and shall arrange and index the same and place them for security in a fire-proof repository. He shall verify all statements of the revolutionary services of ancestors that may be made in the applications for membership and make report to the Board of Managers. He shall perform such other duties and make such returns as may be prescribed by the Constitution and By-Laws of the National Society.

ARTICLE VIII.—BOARD OF MANAGERS.

The Board of Managers shall have the general superintendence of the interests and business of the Society; they shall perform such other duties as may be committed to them by the Society; and shall have power to make such rules and regulations, not inconsistent with the Constitution, By-Laws and resolutions of the Society, as may be necessary for the government of the Society. At each annual meeting they shall make a general report. Five members will constitute a quorum at all meetings of the Board.

ARTICLE IX.—AMENDMENTS.

Amendments to these By-Laws may be made at any meeting of the Society by a vote of the majority of the members present; provided, that a notice of the meeting and a copy of the proposed amendment shall be sent to every member at least one week prior to such meeting.

Wisconsin Society.

42 MEMBERS.

Organized February 25th, 1890. Annual Meeting, May 29th, to commemorate the admission of Wisconsin into the Union.

LIST OF OFFICERS:

President, Don J. Whittemore, . . . Milwaukee.
Vice President, U. O. B. Wingate, . . Milwaukee.
Second Vice President, Alex, L. Collins, . . Neenah.
Secretary, Byron H. Kilbourne, . . . Milwaukee.
Treasurer, Paul D. Carpenter, . . . Milwaukee.
Registrar, William W. Wight, . . . Milwaukee.
Historian, Frank T. Terry, ... Milwaukee.
Chaplain, Rev. G. Mott Williams, . Marquette, Mich.

CONSTITUTION OF THE WISCONSIN SOCIETY.

ARTICLE I.

The name of the Society shall be "THE WISCONSIN SOCIETY OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION."

ARTICLE II.

The purpose of the Society is to keep alive among ourselves and our descendants the patriotic spirit of the men, who, in military, naval or civil service, by their acts or counsel, achieved American Independence; to collect and secure for preservation the manuscript rolls, records and other documents relating to the War of the Revolution; and to promote social intercourse and good feeling among its members now and hereafter.

ARTICLE III.

Any person shall be eligible to membership in the Society who is above the age of twenty-one (21) years, who is a resident of Wisconsin and who is descended from an ancestor who, either as a military or naval officer, soldier, sailor, or as an official or recognized subordinate in the service of any of the thirteen original Colonies or States, or of the National Government, representing or composed of those Colonies or States, assisted in establishing American Independence during the War of the Revolution.

ARTICLE IV.

The officers of the Society shall be a President, two Vice Presidents, a Secretary, a Treasurer, Registrar, a Historian, and a Board of Managers, consisting of those officers *ex-officio*, and six other members. The Delegates to the Council as provided by the National Constitution shall be elected at the same time and in the same manner as the officers.

ARTICLE V.

This Constitution shall be altered, amended or repealed only by a vote of three-fourths of the Society present at a regular or special meeting called for the purpose of such alteration, amendment or repeal, after five days' notice in writing has been given of such meeting.

BY-LAWS OF THE WISCONSIN SOCIETY.

SECTION 1. Members shall be elected as follows: Candidates may send their names and documents, or other proofs of qualification for membership, to the Secretary, and upon a favorable report from the Board of Managers, and upon payment of the initiation fee and first annual dues, shall thereupon become members of the Society.

SECTION 2. The initiation fee shall be one dollar ($1.00), the annual dues two dollars ($2.00), or the payment at one time of fifty dollars ($50,00) shall constitute a life member; and the member so paying shall be exempt from the payment of annual dues.

SECTION 3. The Society shall hold anannual meeting on the 29th day of May, the anniversary of the date of admission of Wisconsin into the Union, and in each and every year thereafter, at which a general election of officers by ballot shall take place, except when such date shall fall on Sunday, in which event the meeting shall be held on the following day. In such election, a majority of the ballots given for any officer shall constitute a choice.

SECTION 4. At all meetings of the Society five (5) members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

SECTION 5. The President, or one of the Vice Presidents, or in their absence, a chairman *pro tempore*, shall preside at all meetings of the Society. He shall preserve order, and shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Society.

SECTION 6. The Secretary shall conduct the general correspondence of the Society. He shall notify all members of their election, and of such other matters as may be directed by the Society. He shall have charge of the seal, certificate of incorporation, by-laws and records of the Society. He, together with the presiding officer, shall certify all acts of the Society. He shall, under the direction of the President or Vice-Presidents, give due notice of the time and place of all meetings of the Society, and attend the same. He shall keep fair and accurate records of all the proceedings and orders of the Society; shall give notice to the several officers of all votes, orders, resolves and proceedings of the Society affecting them or appertaining to their respective duties.

SECTION 7. The Treasurer shall collect and keep the funds and securities of the Society; they shall be deposited in some bank or saving institute in this State to the credit of The Wisconsin Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, and shall be drawn thence on the check of the Treasurer for the purpose of the Society only. Out of these funds he shall pay such sums only as may be ordered by the Society or by the Board of Managers. He shall keep a true account of his receipts and payments, and, at each annual meeting, render the same to the Society, when a committee shall be appointed to audit his accounts.

SECTION 8. The Board of Managers shall be thirteen—namely, the President, two Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar and Historian, *ex officio*, and the remaining six elected as hereinbefore provided for the election of the officers of the Society.

They shall judge of the qualification of the candidates for admission to the Society, and elect the same. They shall have charge of all special meetings of the Society, and shall, through the Secretary, call special meetings at any time, upon the written request of five members of the Society, and at such other times as they see fit. They shall recommend plans for promoting the objects of the Society, shall digest and prepare business, and shall authorize the disbursement and expenditure of unappropriated money in the treasury for the payment of current expenses of the Society. They shall generally superintend the interests of the Society, and execute all such duties as may be committed to them by the Society. The Registrar shall keep a roll of members, and in his hands shall be lodged all the proofs of membership qualification, and all the historical and geographical papers, manuscript or other, of which the Society may become possessed; and who, under the direction of such Board of Managers, shall, for adequate compensation, keep copy of such similar documents as the owners thereof may not be willing to leave permanently in the keeping of the Society. Such Registrar, if practicable, shall be a member of the Wisconsin Historical Society.

At each annual meeting of the Society they shall make a general report.

At all meetings of the Board of Managers, five or more shall be sufficient for the transaction of business.

SECTION 9. Ayes and nays shall be called at any meeting of the Society upon the demand of five members.

SECTION 10. No alteration of the By-Laws of the Society shall be made unless such alteration shall have been openly proposed at a previous meeting and entered in the minutes with the name of the member proposing the same, and shall be adopted by a majority of the members present at a meeting of the Society.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

ANNUAL CONGRESS

HELD IN

BOSTON, MASS.,

MAY 1ST.

THE CONGRESS IN BOSTON.

MORNING SESSION.

The Sixth Session of the Continental Congress of the SOCIETY OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION was called to order at shortly after ten o'clock A. M., of Wednesday, May 1st, 1895, in the Old South Meeting House, in the City of Boston, by the President General, HORACE PORTER.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Dr. STAPLES, Chaplain of the Massachusetts Society, as follows:

Almighty God, Sovereign of Nations and the Father of men. As we gather here with hearts beating together in the love of country and, we trust, the love of Thee; O let Thy blessing rest upon us. Inspire our minds, we pray Thee, with the delightful associations of this place, where for generations religion has been nourished, and patriotism. May our hearts be united in the earnest and faithful love of our country, and may we strive together to cherish and perpetuate those sentiments of liberty and of righteousness which our glorious fathers taught us. Let thy blessing, we pray Thee, rest upon this organization. May we be indeed true patriots, faithful to our country's interests, faithful to the cause of righteousness and Christianity. And unto thy name be the glory and the praise, evermore. Amen.

HON. E. S. BARRETT, (Massachusetts): Mr. President General.

THE PRESIDENT: Mr. Barrett, President of the Massachusetts Society.

ADDRESS OF WELCOME.

EDWIN S. BARRETT, President of the Massachusetts Society, delivered the following address of welcome:

Mr. President General and Compatriots all:

On behalf of the Massachusetts Society, it becomes my pleasant duty to extend to you, sir, and the delegates here assembled, the sincerest word of welcome from the Old Bay State. We welcome you to our hearts and our homes—to our historic buildings and to our battlefields—trusting and believing that you may derive some inspiration from your visit, and some further incentive to continue the patriotic and educational work of our Society. It is a fortunate circumstance that we meet to-day in this "Old South Meeting-House," rebuilt in 1730, it has the dignity of age, and a wealth of historic associations. On the opposite side of Milk street Benjamin Franklin was born—and in the old church built prior to this one and standing on this spot, he was baptized.

Here was the garden originally granted to John Winthrop, the great governor,

and here he died. Here after Winthrop's death lived Rev. John Norton, called by Cotton Mather, "the chief of our burning and shining lights," and here he died. Here, in the Rev. John Norton's family, was bred Increase Mather, to whom New England and Harvard College owe so much. At times of great excitement, when the multitude became too great for Faneuil Hall, the old hall being much smaller than the present one, the people adjourned to this church, and hence it became the animated scene of those town meetings, so abominated by the British, and which Burke, to image a most unusual tempest in the English Parliament, declares it was "as hot as Faneuil Hall, or the Old South Church in Boston." The meeting in this church on the second commemoration of the Boston Massacre was one of intense interest. Dr. Joseph Warren, a young man of great eloquence and power, killed three months later at Bunker Hill, was to deliver the oration.

The church was crowded with people, and many British officers thronged the aisles and pulpit steps, doubtless with the view of intimidating the speaker. Suddenly Warren appeared at the window in the rear of the pulpit, and descended to his place. His oration was a masterpiece of eloquence. In this church were also held the great meetings, in November and December, 1793, prior to the Tea Party. All that day and until candle light the vast audience sat an listened to Samuel Adams, Josiah Quincy and others, while messenger after messenger was despatched to Governor Hutchinson, at Milton, to obtain from him an order to have the tea returned to England. He refused, and at the doors of this church the war-whoop was raised, and the citizens, disguised as savages, led the way to Griffin's Wharf, boarded the ships, and in three hours' time 342 chests of tea, valued at $100,000, had been emptied into the sea. Every one retired, and the town was as quiet as if nothing unusual had happened.

Here, in 1775, by order of General Burgoyne, a riding school for British troops was established, pews and pulpit torn away and broken up; and when Washington made his triumphal entry into Boston in 1776, he paused, and entering this building, looked down from the eastern gallery on the scene of desolation.

We shall be pleased to show you Faneuil Hall—known from ocean to ocean as the "Cradle of Liberty." We shall also take you to the Old State House, in State street, which stands near the spot where the Boston Massacre occurred, March 5, 1770: the Old North Church in Salem street, where the lanterns were hung out as the signal to Paul Revere; Bunker Hill Monument, which stands as a beacon light of patriotism to all the land; the Washington Elm at Cambridge, where General Washington took command of the American Army, July 3, 1775, and other historic spots.

To-morrow we shall take you to historic Lexington and Concord, where the opening drama of the Revolution was first enacted and where the tide of warfare was met and resisted; their expedition a failure, their line of retreat from Concord Bridge to Boston Harbor a pathway of fire lined by the indignant provincials of Middlesex.

Massachusetts has reason to be proud of her history. The compact drawn up and signed in the cabin of the Mayflower was the beginning of constitutional government "by the people and for the people." Massachusetts founded the New England town-meeting in 1633; the system of public schools supported by taxation in 1639; Harvard College in 1636. The initiative to the Revolution was taken in Boston, and the contest was fairly begun here.

James Otis, Samuel Adams and Joseph Warren probably foresaw independence as early as any other persons in the country, and closely following them were John Adams, John Hancock, Benjamin Franklin and Patrick Henry. Massachusetts, at a mass meeting in Faneuil Hall in the summer of 1774, proposed a Continental Congress, which convened at Carpenter's Hall in Philadelphia, September 5th, 1774, and its action greatly encouraged the patriots of the whole thirteen states.

Our State performed her part nobly in the Revolution, both on sea and land. Out of 395,000 enlisted men in the thirteen States, Massachusetts furnished 92,000, nearly one-fifth of her population. Again I welcome you to Massachusetts, and with the hope and belief that these yearly meetings will prove a healthy and vitalizing stimulus to patriotism over all our fair land. (Great applause.)

President General Porter, replied to the address of welcome as follows:

Mr. President and Compatriots: My first and most agreeable duty here is to express, in the name of our National Society, to the members of the Massachusetts Society, our most profound acknowledgments, our deep sense of gratitude to them for their promptness in welcoming the coming guests, and for their princely hospitality. The kindness which they have shown to us thus far we shall carry away with us in our memories as one of the most cherished recollections of our lives.

One of the pleasantest features connected with our National Society is the fact that our National Congress has been accustomed to meet in the different cities of the land, each year in some new section of our country, where we have been enabled to meet old friends and to make the acquaintance of new ones. It has done much to diversify and to spread the interest of the Society amongst the different States. Some years ago we met at Hartford. There we met in a State in which the air was redolent with patriotic recollections. It was an inspiration to all patriots to go in and sojourn for a time in that State. Then we met in the metropolis of the nation, in that grand historic room in our City Hall known as the Governors' Room, and there during our deliberations, the portraits of Revolutionary sires seemed to look down approvingly upon our work from the canvases which decorated the walls. Then we held not only our National Convention, but our great National Conclave, in that great and growing city by the lake, which gave to the world that marvelous, that matchless spectacle of that grand World's Columbian Exposition (applause), the like of which will never be seen, the like of which will never be attempted, at least in our day. And then last year we went to the nation's Capitol. There we met, in that city named after our great exemplar, one who had reached the highest eminence of human distinction, whose name is the most illustrious borne by living man, whose character changed men's ideas of political greatness, whose fame was so great that it reached even the House of Parliament, and there Fox had the courage to rise and say of him, "Illustrious man, before whom all borrowed greatness sinks into insignificance." the immortal Washington. (Applause.) And now, upon this pleasant day, under these favorable auspices, we come to this great historic, thoroughly Revolutionary city. Here we meet the first footprints in that grand march to

freedom. Here we sit, under the very shadow of Bunker Hill monument, almost within sight of the historic fields of Lexington and Concord, which you are looking forward with so much pleasure to visiting to-morrow.

I have been thrilled by listening to the admirable description the President of our Massachusetts Society has just given of the history of this temple in which we sit to-day. (Applause.) Why, we who are not familiar with Boston, speak of its public buildings, its State House, Faneuil Hall, the Old South Church. Just think of this historic building being erected more than one hundred years before Faneuil Hall! Why, when Faneuil Hall had its birth this building was in the decrepitude of age. Years after this the State House was built. Yes, it is most interesting to listen to that description, to think that British cavalry used this place as a drill-hall in which to prepare their men to go forth and cut the throats of their countrymen, who were simply standing up honestly and manfully for what they believed their rights. (Applause.) Here, in this house of worship, there was the desecration of the clash of arms, and the floor of this temple of God was ruthlessly plowed by the hoof of the war steed. Thank God, all such wrongs were amply righted by our patriotic sires. (Applause.)

This Society has made so much progress throughout its existence, and particularly recently, that you may pardon me for alluding (I will do so very briefly,) to some of the salient objects which have been accomplished.

This Society secured from Congress a law under which the records of service in the Revolution in the Executive Departments in Washington have been indexed and placed in a fire-proof building in the Smithsonian Institute. That is the very basis upon which we found the membership of this Society, the thorough search made of those records giving an assurance that the credentials are ample for every compatriot that enters this organization.

It has secured from Congress a law authorizing officers of the regular Army and Navy, who are members, to wear the badge of this Society on ceremonial occasions. That has a deeper significance than you may suppose. We are now forming what is equivalent to a State Society in France, where the descendants of our patriotic allies live. Now, in that country, as in other countries in Europe, the laws do not authorize any one to wear publicly any decoration or badge unless that is in some way authorized by the person's government, and we think that, under this law, this Society will be the only one entitled to wear publicly there its badge.

Some time ago we secured from the New Hampshire Legislature, the construction and public dedication of the statue of that grand old hero, General John Stark.

It was this Society which originated the beautiful custom of Flag Day, setting aside June 14th for such celebrations. (Applause.)

It obtained from the New York Legislature the passage of a law forbidding the display of foreign flags upon public buildings, unless the official representatives of a foreign power are the guests of a city or State, and the Governor, who promptly signed that law, is a member of this order. (Applause.)

Its members promoted the construction and took the place of honor in the dedication of the great monument to the heroes of Bennington.

In 1892, it took the most prominent part in the centennial celebration of the laying of the cornerstone of the National Capitol, September 18th, 1893, when

William Wirt Henry, the grandson of the great Patrick Henry, was selected from this Society as the orator of the day. (Applause).

It has stimulated interest in the American Revolution by more than two hundred public celebrations of anniversaries of important events.

It has preserved as a permanent historical monument, the headquarters of Jonathan Trumbull, old Brother Jonathan, in Connecticut. (Applause).

It has initiated the movement to which we must give the entire credit to our honored Massachusetts Society, of the plan of marking the graves of the patriots of the American Revolution with bronze and iron markers. (Applause.) You see the specimens of them. They are here on the platform.

It has advocated the passage of a law by Congress forbidding the desecration of the national flag by use for advertising purposes, and promoted the general display of the flag on public schools. Let me say that that law of Congress would have passed the Senate if it had had a few more days' time last session. We shall see that it becomes a law at the next session of Congress.

It has promoted historical research, by offering to each of a large number of American colleges, for annual competition by the students, a large and handsome silver medal for the best essay upon "The Principles fought for in the War of the American Revolution," also to schools a silver medal, and a bronze medal to certain scholars. The colleges, I am glad to say, are acting in co-operation with us heartily in this matter, and thirty of the leading colleges of this country will now compete for this gold medal prize. (Applause.)

It saved, by means of the law that has been passed in the New York Legislature, the desecration of the old historic building known as the City Hall in New York.

It has built an expensive monument at Dobbs Ferry to commemorate the spot where Washington and Rochambeau planned the Yorktown campaign.

It has presented national flags, portraits of Washington and prize medals to large numbers of schools and academies in different parts of the country.

Its members in Chicago have organized a new military organization known as the Continental Guard. It consists, up this time, of sixty members, and with its beautiful uniform and its drill, it is one of the most attractive features of that active organization. I have the pleasure of showing you a portrait—a full length portrait—of the captain, Captain Gross, of that organization, in his handsome Continental uniform. (Applause.)

It has contributed, by the energetic efforts of its members, to the appointment of April 19th as Patriots' Day in Massachusetts, in place of the old Fast Day.

It has secured appropriations from the Legislature of Maryland and private individuals, for a splendid monument in Baltimore, to the men of the American Revolution, and after much labor an appropriation of $40,000 by the National Government was very nearly obtained. That appropriation passed the Senate, and if there had been more time it would have passed the House. I hope that next year we may succeed in getting that appropriation, and we will then owe many thanks to the active and energetic President of the Maryland Society, Mr. Griffith. (Applause.)

It has arranged with the Park Commissioners of Brooklyn for erecting a grand monument in Prospect Park in that city, in honor of Maryland's famous "400" in

the battle of Long Island. That monument will be erected in time to be dedicated at the anniversary of that battle in next August.

These are only some of the steps which have been taken by this Society.

The last year has been the banner year in the history of this Society. Let me say, briefly, that we formed new societies last year in Montana and Utah, and are about prepared to form one in South Dakota. We now have thirty-one societies. There have entered this society since its organization, 5,878 members. In this last year we have had 1,286 recruits (applause), and our honored Massachusetts Society heads the list. It gained 227 of those recruits. (Applause.) Not only have we gained largely in numbers, but very largely in men of public reputation and distinction, well known throughout the Union. We have leading admirals of the Navy and generals of the Army, governors of States, some of our most active members of Congress and a number of United States Senators.

One word more. I have some gavels here that will interest you. They are all historic. I have just been handed one this morning for use upon this occasion to which you have been called to order to-day, which the President of the Massachusetts Society tells me was made from a tree at Groton, near the home of Colonel William Prescott, who commanded in the battle of Bunker Hill. (Applause.) Many of you remember that last year was presented by our honored Society in the District of Columbia, this gravel made from the boxwood grown at Mount Vernon, Washington's tomb. (Applause.) This (indicating another), was presented last year in Washington, by Professor Cable, from the limb of a tree on the battlefield of Chickamauga, with a bullet embedded in it, as a token of fraternity and peace forever between the patriots of the south and the patriots of the north. (Applause.) I had the pleasure of having presented to me only a few days ago, by Compatriot Moore, formerly President of our honored Society of California, a gavel, of which the handle is made from the wood of an English vessel, which was chased into Newport harbor, and sunk in 1779 by Count de L'Estang of the French fleet, then acting as our allies. An apprentice, in diving down found that old wood. We cannot ascertain the name of the vessel, but it is enough for us to know that it was a hostile British vessel, and that it was sunk there. (Laughter and applause.) I think I may fairly say that it would be a very unpatriotic man who would refuse to come to order at the rappings of any one of these historic gavels. (Applause.)

And now, with your permission, we will proceed with the business of the Convention. The first business in order usually has been for the Chair to appoint a committee of three upon credentials in order that they may examine the credentials of the delegates. What is your pleasure now in regard to this? Shall that precedent be followed?

MR. MURPHY (Secretary General): I move that such a committee be appointed.

The motion was seconded and adopted.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair would appoint for that purpose Dr. Charles M. Green, of the Massachusetts Society; Mr. John Winfield Scott, of the New York Society; Mr. Franklin Murphy, of the New Jersey Society. Those gentlemen will assemble here, and we will take an informal recess until they report. If the members will please, during this recess, present their credentials to this committee, they will verify them. We can then proceed to business.

DURING THE RECESS.

THE PRESIDENT: Mr. Barrett would like to make an announcement to the members of the convention, if you will give him your attention for a moment.

MR. BARRETT (Massachusetts): It is proposed, gentlemen, to go to lunch at the Parker House at one o'clock. Dinner at the Vendome will be at six o'clock this evening. There will be no tickets or expense from anybody; no tickets asked for or expected. To-morrow, at ten o'clock, we wish all the delegates, and also those who have brought their wives and sweethearts with them, to go to the Union station, where we shall take the train for Lexington and Concord, stopping at Lexington for an hour and a half, and then going on to Concord, returning from Concord at four in the evening, reaching Boston at five o'clock to-morrow afternoon. (Applause.)

THE PRESIDENT: Mr. Appleton will make an announcement. (Applause.)

MR. APPLETON (Massachusetts): As Chairman of the Committee on Reception, it would facilitate matters if those who wish to go to Lexington and Concord to-morrow would let us know in some way. I do not think I shall go there myself. I would rather be in Boston, and I would be very glad to pilot any of the delegates to the different places here, Faneuil Hall, the old State House, Copps Hill, and the church there. Then there are the different burying-grounds, the Granary, Copps Hill, and in those burying-grounds you will see these markers, as many as we have been able to place, about forty or so in all Boston. The most interesting ones are in the Granary, and as that is very near where we are to lunch to-day, I should be very glad to go there, we will say shortly before the afternoon meeting, to see them. Then there is Paul Revere's house, which is in North Square. That is one of the interesting places, of course. Then there is Bunker Hill Monument. Then there is the tree at Cambridge, and, I could say, the Longfellow House, Washington's headquarters. My niece, Miss Longfellow, whom I saw the other day, said she would be very glad to have any of the delegates go there any time after two o'clock in the afternoon. Those are different excursions in addition to the one to Lexington and Concord. Can I not say something about the markers now, unofficially, bringing up the matter of my resolution later, when the meeting is called to order? These two markers that you see here (indicating two on the platform) represent the story of the Sons of the American revolution. "S" may stand for soldier, sailor, son or society. I think it is one of the most important things that the Society has done in the last year, because it has been a very popular advertisement and at the same time a most patriotic move in any way. The markers cost but little; this one, $1, iron; and the other, of bronze, $5. We have taken action in Massachusetts, and as your President General has very kindly alluded to it, it seems to me that now the time has come when the National Society can make the work more a benefit by doing something which I will offer as a resolution at the proper time. I was merely going to say that in addition to the Lafayette grave, which I had the privilege of marking in Paris, France, last year, there were a good many others there which we can take up later, and in other parts of Europe, as well as here. Rochambeau, for

instance, Count de Grasse and Saint Simon, Kosciusko in the Cathedral at Cracow. The Chevalier Duportail and Pulaski both died and were buried at sea. Then we must not forget Steuben, De Kalb, Muhlenberg and Herkimer in the United States. The bodies of Thomas Paine and Paul Jones have both been lost. But what I wanted to say about the work of the Society here, I will leave for a few minutes later.

AFTER THE RECESS.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair may state here that in naming the cities in which conventions had been held, in speaking from memory, he omitted, I believe, to mention a very important meeting held, and the first convention ever held by the National Society, in the city of Louisville, Kentucky. That was the first convention; I should have named that first, and that would not only have been more logical but more chronological. (Applause.) The Committee on Credentials, I understand, is now ready to report.

MR. GREEN (Massachusetts): Mr. President General, the Committee on Credentials have attended to their duty and have placed in the hands of the Secretary General their report, and would suggest that he read the list of accredited delegates in order that they may be verified again.

The Secretary General then read the list of delegates and the following were found to be present:

GENERAL OFFICERS.

GEN. HORACE PORTER,	President General.
GEN. J. C. BRECKINRIDGE,	Vice President General.
WILLIAM RIDGELEY GRIFFITH,	" "
EDWIN S. BARRETT,	" "
JOHN WHITEHEAD,	" "
FRANKLIN MURPHY,	Secretary General.
C. W. HASKINS,	Treasurer General.
A. HOWARD CLARK,	Registrar General.
HENRY HALL,	Historian General.

PAST PRESIDENT GENERAL.

LUCIUS C. DEMING, ... Connecticut.

STATE SOCIETIES.

CALIFORNIA.

John W. Moore, U.S.N.

CONNECTICUT.

Gen. E. S. Greeley, William E. Chandler, Frank J. Narramore, Charles P. Cooley, Russell Frost.

DELAWARE.

Herbert Harris, Nathan Gould, Rev. George M. Howe.

The foregoing gentlemen of the Maine Society were by order of the Congress selected to represent the Delaware Society.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

Dr. Sardis L. Crissey, Gen. F. G. Butterfield, Charles W. Coombs, Noble D. Larner, Rev. Thomas S. Childs, Bernard R. Green, Rufus Coffin.

ILLINOIS.

Josiah L. Lombard, John D. Sargent, Francis T. Simmons, Fred B. Perry, John D. Vandercook.

IOWA.

Damon N. Sprague, Wellington Russell.

KENTUCKY.

John C. Russell, John W. Beckley, William Barrett, Robert A. Blood.

MAINE.

Hon. Edward A. Butler, Vice President; Dr. Henry S. Burrage, D.D.; Archie L. Talbot, Col. John M. Adams, Dr. Charles E. Banks.

MARYLAND.

Col. William Ridgeley Griffith, President; Samuel C. Rowland, Edgar G. Miller, R. Ross Holloway, Col. Charles T. Holloway.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Edwin Shepard Barrett, President; E. Jacob Forster, Vice President; Nathan Appleton, Charles Hicks Saunders, John Homans, 2d; Charles Montsaville Green, Levi Swanton Gould, Theo. Cornelius Bates.

MICHIGAN.

Rev. R. W. Clark, W. H. Brearley.

MINNESOTA.

Albee Smith, E. A. Sumner, C. B. Palmer.

MISSOURI.

George Elliot Leighton, President; Gains Paddock, Vice President; Josiah Fogg, John Lewis RoBards.

NEBRASKA.

John R. Webster.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Charles E. Staniels, President; Thomas Cogswell, William W. Bailey, Otis G. Hammond.

NEW JERSEY.

John Whitehead, President; William H. Murphy, Weston Jenkins, John J. Hubbell, Walter S. Nichols.

NEW YORK.

Walter S. Logan, John Winfield Scott, Joseph Warren Cutler, Nathan Warren, R. C. Jackson, W. W. J. Warren, Truman G. Avery, Stephen M. Wright.

OHIO.

Lucius B. Wing, President; B. V. H. Schultz.

PENNSYLVANIA.

Major Howard Morton, Vice President; Henry D. Sellers.

RHODE ISLAND.

Edward Field, President; Hon. Olney Arnold, Christopher Rhodes, Hon. W. T. C. Wardwell.

UTAH.

D. S. Lamson, John Homans, 2d; J. A. Davis.

The foregoing gentlemen of the Massachusetts Society were by order of the Congress selected to represent the Utah Society,

VERMONT.

Col. R. J. Kimball, Col. C. S. Forbes.

VIRGINIA.

Miles T. Phillips, Vice President; B. B. Miner.

WISCONSIN.

Wyman Kneeland Flint.

Upon motion of DR. CLARK of Michigan, MR. BREARLEY, Editor of *The Spirit of '76*, was enrolled as a delegate from Michigan. On authority of a telegram from GENERAL PENROSE, President Utah Society, MR. BARRETT was authorized to name three members of the Massachusetts Society to represent the Utah Society. MR. BARRETT subsequently named Mr. B. S. LAMSON, DR. JOHN HOMANS, 2d, and J. ALBA DAVIS.

REPORTS OF GENERAL OFFICERS.

The President General announced that the next business in regular order would be the reading of the reports of the general officers.

Before these reports are read let the Chair state that I think it is due, in mentioning the appointment of Flag Day, as a very important day to us all, June 14, to say that the idea arose with our Connecticut Society and was suggested by that Society, in the recollection of the Chair, to the National Society, and the idea was carried out. The Compatriot who made that motion in the Connecticut Society, was one of their venerable members, Jonathan Morris. (Applause.)

The Secretary General thereupon read his report, as follows:

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL.

NEWARK, N. J., April 30th, 1895.

The Secretary General is glad to report the Society in a most flourishing condition. Since our last meeting new Societies have been formed in Montana and Utah, and the growth in the older Societies, which increases our membership over twelve hundred, has been greater than at any other period of our history. Naturally the material for membership is most plentiful in the Eastern States, but sons of Revolutionary ancestors have gone west in large numbers, and the interest in the work of the organization is rapidly spreading throughout the whole West, and some of our Western Societies are larger than those in the East. The Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Minnesota Societies are especially active, and our Society in Iowa exhibits unusual vigor.

The largest Society in our organization is Connecticut, with 800 members; then follows Massachussetts with 630, showing the remarkable gain during the year of 227. Then comes New York, with 563, gaining through the year 162. The District of Columbia comes next with 416 members, and then follows our most important Western Society, Minnesota, with 350, having gained during the year 119. Illinois comes next with 326, showing a gain of 101. New Jersey follows with 292, having gained 16. Vermont is next with 231; then Maine, 209 members, having added 56 to its numbers during the past year; Ohio with 201 having gained 53, and the others follow along with somewhat smaller numbers.

The Executive Committee has had several meetings in New York at the office of the President General; at the meeting held on May 9th, the following resolution was passed:

Resolved: That a silver medal of suitable size and design be offered for the best essayist on Revolutionary history in the principal colleges of the country, the list of colleges to be decided by the President General, and that a gold medal be offered for the best essay among those who shall receive a silver medal.

At this meeting the Secretary General was requested to prepare a letter, announcing the intention of the Society to offer these medals, and to send the same to some of the leading colleges of the country, the list for which was afterward approved by the President General. In response to this letter some twenty of our leading colleges have accepted the offer of the Society, and some of the essays have already been received. It has not been practicable to offer this medal to all of the colleges of the country, but it is expected that the list will be very much increased this coming year; and the results to be derived from this movement, by which a large number of intelligent young men of the country are induced to give special attention to the principles fought for in the War of the American Revolution, must aid greatly in enlarging and reviving a spirit of ardent patriotism.

Under the auspices of the National Society the Century Company of New York City has published a book entitled, "The Century Book for Young Americans," an introduction to which was prepared by the President General.

At a meeting held on February 5th, it was resolved that the National Society should be incorporated by an act of Congress, and the Secretary General was re-

quested to so inform the various State Societies and request them to send him the names of some of their prominent citizens who might be named as the incorporators. In response to this request lists have been received from nearly all the States, and the names of distinguished citizens have been furnished in such numbers as to make it quite inconvenient to use them all. The Secretary General ventures the suggestion that the National Officers and the Presidents of the various State Societies be used for this purpose. The Historian General has been charged with the duty of preparing the act of incorporation.

Reports of officers and lists of Delegates to the Congress have been received from twenty-eight Societies, and the annual report from about the same number; the few that are missing being in the hands of Delegates present at the Congress, who will deliver them later. The usual synopsis of these reports will be printed in the report of the proceedings of the Congress.

An effort was made during the year passed to enlist a sufficient interest in the publishing of a national year book, which should contain the names of all the members or the various State Societies. This, however, was not successful, and the Executive Committee authorized the publishing of the Year Book for 1894, which was sent to all the members and Delegates of the last Congress and all the officers of every State Society. The book is not complete, but its principal deficiency arises from the inability of its compiler to procure the information he desired. A second edition will doubtless be much more perfect, and it is believed that the form adopted is as satisfactory as any that could be suggested that did not give the membership.

The duties of the office of Secretary General demand considerable time. Communications are received daily from all over the country, and questions come on all sorts of subjects—patriotic and otherwise—that need attention. Your Secretary General feels that he is not a model officer, but he has taken much time from a life busy beyond the average, to discharge as best he could the duties of his office and has found positive pleasure in doing so. He could not have done as well as he has except for the cordial and unfailing assistance of his associates.

FRANKLIN MURPHY,
Secretary General.

THE PRESIDENT GENERAL: If there be no objection, this report will follow the usual course, and be received and placed on file. The Chair hears no objection. It will be so ordered. I will call for a report from the Treasurer General of the National Society, Mr. Haskins.

The Treasurer General, MR. CHARLES W. HASKINS, of New York, then read his report, as follows:

Cash Statement of the Treasurer General, NATIONAL SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, year ending April 30th, 1895.

Balance cash on hand, May 1st, 1894.....		$1,202 77
RECEIPTS.		
Annual dues, '95-6.....	$1,268 75	
" " previous years.....	733 00	
Certificates.....	718 00	
Application Blanks.....	185 05	
		$2,904 80

EXPENDITURES.

Stationery and printing		$537 31	
Certificates, (Am. B. N. Co.)		486 65	
Expenses Office Registrar General		654 21	
Annual Reports, '94, printing and mailing	$463 99		
Less amount contributed by Secretary General	320 00		
		143 99	
Year book, '94, printing and mailing		444 71	
Expenses Convention '94, stenographer	$70 00		
Trunk Line Association	11 00		
		81 00	
			$2,347 87
Excess of Receipts over Expenditures,			$556 93
Balance cash on hand, April 30th, 1895,			$1,759 70

(Signed) C. W. HASKINS,
Treasurer General.

The Treasurer General desires to thank the State Societies for their promptness in responding to the debts due the National Society. If it had not been for that, the burden might be very heavy upon the Treasurer General. As it is, it is no trouble whatever. (Applause.)

THE PRESIDENT GENERAL: No objection, this report, which the Chair is glad to say is the most satisfactory one that has ever been rendered in any one year, will be accepted and placed on file. It will be so ordered.

Thereupon the Registrar General's report was read by Mr. A. HOWARD CLARK, as follows:

REPORT OF THE REGISTRAR GENERAL TO THE SIXTH CONGRESS OF THE NATIONAL SOCIETY OF SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, BOSTON, MAY 1ST, 1895.

Mr. President General and Compatriots:

Since April 30th, 1889, when this National Society of SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION was organized by the union of the several independent State Societies, 5,878 patriotic Americans have fully established by competent evidence their lineal descent from soldiers and statesmen of the American Revolution, and proofs of their eligibility to membership are now filed in the archives of the Society in Washington City, there preserved as memorials of patriots of the War for Independence, and of their descendants.

During the year now closed, 1,286 new members have been enrolled, and numerous applications are in process of perfection.

We have now thirty-one State Societies. In Connecticut the membership is 800; in Massachusetts, 630; New York, 563; the District of Columbia, 416; Minnesota, 350; Illinois, 326; New Jersey, 292; Vermont, 231; Maine, 209; and so on to the lately instituted Societies in Montana with twenty-one, and Utah with twenty members.

Among the notable additions of the year are the two great great grandsons of the Immortal Lafayette—Gaston de Sahune Lafayette and Paul de Sahune—who have become members of the Massachusetts Society. To the Maine Society have been added the Indian Chief Sopiel Salmore, aged eighty, whose father, Captain Salmore Soctomah, of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, rendered valiant service in the Revolutionary War, and died in 1860 at the grand old age of 100 years. In Minnesota seven brothers have joined our ranks.

Suggestive of this vicinity is the fact that we have on the membership roll Lieutenant Warren Putnam Newcomb, U. S. A., who is the only living lineal male descendant of Major Ceneral Joseph Warren, and who is also a lineal descendant of the sturdy patriot and fighter, General Israel Putnam.

The requirements of our National Constitution assure the purity as well as the perpetuity of our Society. All application papers are subjected to rigid scrutiny by the State Registrars and Secretaries, and are then carefully examined and verified by the Registrar General. No certificate of membership, no badge of the Society can be granted until the claims to eligibility are thus fully proved.

This national supervision—a special feature of the SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, and the basis of our system—has proved invaluable to the Society in many ways. Failure to at once satisfactorily establish the verity of interesting family traditions of valiant service by grandfather or great grandfather at Concord fight, at Bunker Hill, at Valley Forge and Yorktown, has inspired careful search in dusty garrets of old homesteads and among the musty archives of the State and Nation to find the record evidence. Many of the forgotten records of the American Revolution that lay mouldering, and sometimes knocked about as useless, have thus been brought to light. No more precious American documents now exist than the military papers of the Revolution; none are now more carefully guarded from harm. They should all be preserved and the information therein made accessible to the people.

As an example of the patriotic generosity of this old commonwealth, I may state that the contents of ninety-six volumes of manuscript, muster and pay-rolls, and other records telling of the service of the soldiers of Massachusetts in the Revolutionary War have been carefully compiled on 600,000 index-record cards, and these have been in constant daily use for the last year in answering the numerous requests of applicants for admission to the patriotic Societies. These cards are ready for publication, and will, we hope, be printed in this the present year.

One of the most important results accomplished by the SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, was the passage of the Act of Congress approved July 27th, 1892, introduced in the Senate by Hon. Redfield Proctor, President of the Vermont Society, providing for the transfer of the Government records of the Revolution to the War Department, where fifty clerks are now employed indexing the military service of every soldier. Under the additional Act of August 18th, 1894, the information is now being prepared for publication by the same comprehensive index-record card system applied to the 2,500,000 enlistments of the late civil war.

Though voluminous, the Revolutionary rolls in possession of the Government are very incomplete. The Legislatures of New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Vermont, Rhode Island, Connecticut, and others of the thirteen original States, are earnestly asked to add to the National Rolls the information contained in their own precious rolls of militia, minute men, and other State troops. In this way, with-

in a few months, all existing records concerning each soldier of the Revolution will become accessible for ready reference, and all be published by the United States in memory of the men who made this Nation.

In the early history of our Society many patriotic ladies applied for membership, and the question of their admission being discussed, they were excluded from our ranks; but, "God bless the noble women," they have organized a Society of their own. To-day, the DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, founded in October, 1890, by Mrs. Benjamin Harrison and a few associates, numbers nearly 9,000 members, and has Regents in forty of the forty-four States.

Every member of our Society is proud of his descent from those heroic patriots who, on the field of battle or in legislative halls, dared to uphold the right of liberty. Under the emblem of the minute man, with our motto "Libertas et Patria," with a foundation as solid as the granite block on which the Concord Statue rests, the SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION are active in the work of educating all Americans to love their country and its flag. A great American patriotic University are these Societies of SONS and DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) A. HOWARD CLARK,

Registrar General.

Washington, D. C., April 30, 1895.

THE PRESIDENT: If there be no objection, this report will be accepted and placed on file. It will be so ordered. Report of the Historian General, Mr. HALL.

MR. HALL (Historian General): Mr. President General, I have not a report as Historian General, but in due time will offer one as the Chairman of the Committee on Organization.

THE PRESIDENT: The reports from standing committees will now be in order.

MR. HALL (Historian General): Mr. President, as Chairman of the Committee on Organization, I will read a brief report:

Mr. President General and Compatriots:

The Organization Committee of the National Society, appointed a year ago, consists of Gen. A. W. Greely and Dr. George Brown Goode of Washington, Hon. Ebenezer J. Hill of Connecticut, and John Winfield Scott and Henry Hall of New York City.

It was made the duty of this committee, first to revive the inactive Societies of Tennessee, Virginia and Delaware, which had not filed their application papers paid their dues, and, next, to promote the planting of the Society in thirteen States and five Territories in which our Society has never been organized.

Our committee was exceedingly anxious to discharge the important duty entrusted to them, but were confronted at the outset by an entire lack of funds. The receipts of the National Society were so small, as to be insufficient for anything except routine expenses and one or two enterprises undertaken for the prestige of the whole order. An attempt was made by our committee to organize new Societies by letter writing alone; but, after several months of effort, this plan had to be abandoned, as entirely impracticable. It is exceedingly difficult, by

correspondence alone, to find a man of enthusiasm who will undertake the labor of organizing a new Society, and, in addition, the organizer of a new Society is not always able, however patriotic and willing he may be, to lay aside the duties of his business and incur the expenses of printing, postage and travel.

Finally, last fall, our committee held a meeting in New York City, which was attended also by the President General, and lasted until late at night. After discussion, it was resolved to make an effort to raise a fund large enough to employ a clerk, pay the traveling expenses of volunteer organizers, and supply embryo Societies with printed matter explaining the objects and achievements of the Society. General Porter, Secretary General Murphy, Mr. Hill and various private members of the Connecticut and New York Societies made contributions to this fund, but it was not until February of this year, when the New York Society voted the handsome appropriation of $500 for organizing work, that our committee could actually begin active operations.

The Secretary of the committee, John Winfield Scott, then provided quarters for a clerk at his office, 214 Broadway, New York City, and for the last two months, the committee have devoted themselves earnestly to the duty entrusted to them.

It gives us pleasure to report that the three inactive Societies, namely, Delaware, Virginia and Tennessee, have all been revived and have entered upon a vigorous campaign, from which excellent results have already been obtained, and the creation of large and influential Societies is likely to follow.

VIRGINIA.—Virginia has reorganized, elected officers, filed the application papers of its present members with the Registrar General, and entered upon active recruiting work. The Society proposes to plant chapters in the principal cities of Virginia. This movement, which grew out of a personal visit to Richmond by Charles W. Haskins, Treasurer General, is in the hands of William Wirt Henry, Barton H. Wise, Dr. Joseph A. White, and other competent and influential men.

TENNESSEE.—In Tennessee, the movement is in the hands of J. A. Cartwright, a lawyer and a member of the old Society. His earnest and active labors are entitled to the thanks of the National Society.

DELAWARE.—At the request of our Committee, Mr. Edward A. Sumner, lawyer, and a member of both the Minnesota and New York Societies, has made a personal visit to Delaware, and called together the members of the old Society. An enthusiastic meeting has been held, fourteen eligible men being present, and twice that number signing the call. The Hon. Thomas F. Bayard has been requested to serve as acting president of the Society, and Frank R. Carswell, a journalist, as acting Secretary, and an active campaign has been begun, which will soon give us a fine Society.

NEW SOCIETIES.—Two new State Societies have been actually organized during the year. In *Utah*, Dr. George H. Penrose and others have enlisted the interest of some of the most prominent and influential men in the State, and are rapidly securing an excellent Society. They have been formally admitted to the brotherhood of the SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION.

A State Society has also been organized in *Montana*, through the very public-spirited labors of the Rev. C. C. Bateman, chaplain of the regular army. It has been formally admitted to membership.

A State Society is now being formed in *Texas* by Philip Lindsley, a lawyer of

the city of Dallas, with the co-operation of Mr. Evans, a prominent resident of Austin, the State capital. Sufficient progress has been made to ensure complete organization within a few months. The Texans propose to form a local chapter in every large city of their great State.

In *Arizona*, Major H. F. Robinson, Inspector of Rifle Practice, and in *South Dakota*, Chambers Kellar, of Hot Springs, have been authorized to organize State Societies. Both have nearly enough members already to organize. E. E. Baldwin, a prominent and influential resident of Jackson, Miss., has also undertaken to form a State Society in *Mississippi*, and has already secured nearly enough members to organize.

In the State of *Washington*, with the full consent of Col. Thomas M. Anderson, U. S. A., founder of the Oregon-Washington Society, and after correspondence with our committee a separate State Society is now organizing in Washington. This movement originated with Dr. E. Weldon Young, an enthusiastic member of Colonel Anderson's Society, and promises to add another new Society to our ranks the coming year.

The committee are also promoting the formation of two Societies among American colonists abroad. One is forming in *Paris, France*, under the care of Richard H. Wyeth, a member of the New York Society, who is located in Paris in the banking house of Drexel, Herjes & Co. The other is in *Honolulu, Hawaii*, where the movement is under the management of the Hon. W. H. Severance and others, all men of high position.

It is an interesting fact, that in these outlying regions our name of "SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION" is of distinct advantage to us. An effort made in France by a Society with a different name, failed, in consequence of the omission of the word "American" from its name.

To summarize the work of the past year, we report that three inactive State Societies have been revived, and two new State Societies have been created, thus adding five Societies to our number during the year, and seven new Societies are now in process of formation—twelve Societies in all.

The committee are now pressing on to other parts of the United States. If their labors are seconded by the leading men of the different Societies, another year ought to see the Society firmly planted in nearly every State and most of the Territories of the United States. It is expected that the hearty co-operation of the New York Society in the employment of a competent clerk, who is to be used for the work of both the New York Society and the National Organization Committee, will bring about most desirable results.

A. W. GREELY, U. S. A.,
GEORGE BROWN GOODE, PH.D.,
E. J. HILL,
JOHN WINFIELD SCOTT,
Secretary.
HENRY HALL,
Chairman.

May 1, 1895.

THE PRESIDENT: If there be no objection, the report will be accepted and placed on file. It will be so ordered.

Any other reports from sub-committees? The Chair hears of none.

REPORTS FROM STATE SOCIETIES.

The following are the various reports received by the Secretary General from the State Societies.

CALIFORNIA SOCIETY.

The California Society held its annual meeting on Washington's birthday.

The attendance and interest manifested in the association at this meeting were such as to encourage us to believe that we will receive, this year, an accession of members greater than during any preceding one. And it is the policy of the Society to search the State, and as far as possible appeal personally to every Californian who is eligible, to join our organization.

The membership reported at the annual meeting was 90. The accessions during the year were 34. Since the annual meeting we have gained 15 members. Our membership to-day is 105.

The Society has given four banquets during the year. One was complimentary to Lieutenant Cressap of the Navy, who was for some time the Secretary General of our National Society. The publicity given to these occasions, through the press, drew attention to the objects of our Society and materially helped us.

The Society, in a circular letter, endorsed the action of the School Board of San Francisco, setting apart one day in each month to patriotic exercises by the school children. Wide publicity was given to this circular, and the action of the Society copied or commended in other parts of the Union.

On the 19th of October, the Society presented our country's flag to the Protestant Orphan Asylum of San Francisco. The occasion was interesting and instructive, and will be long remembered by those who were present.

It is the intention to make before long, similar presentations to the Roman Catholic and Hebrew Orphan Asylums of San Francisco.

The relations of the Society with the "French Contingent" in San Francisco, have been always most cordial. And on the sad occasion of the assassination of President Carnot, the Society sent to the resident French Consul a note of condolence, and received from him a courteous acknowledgement.

On Thanksgiving Day, on invitation of the Association of California Pioneers, the Society participated in the unveiling in San Francisco of the Lick Statuary. The donor (James Lick) was of Revolutionary stock, and appears to have prided himself on the fact.

EDWARD HUNTER,
President.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., APRIL 22d, 1895.

DELAWARE SOCIETY.

To the Secretary General:

I am happy at last to say that the Delaware Society SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION has been revived, and I think from the large and enthusiastic meeting held this evening, that it will soon be in a very flourishing and prosperous condition.

Owing to death and lack of interest, also probably the age and absence of some of the members, the Society has practically been dead for the past three years.

To-night we held the first meeting since April 12th, 1892, and adjourned to meet again May 6th next, at which time there will be fourteen or more new applications made.

As our Society is chartered by the State Legislature, Chief Justice Love and Judge Wales, of the U. S. District Court, who were present, decided that in accordance with the charter and Constitution and By-laws, no change could be made in officers until the annual meeting on the 7th day of December, except to fill vacancies by death or resignation.

Col. Milo W. Locke, Treasurer, having died since the last meeting, Mr. James M. Griffin was elected to succeed him.

Trusting that in the future there will be no cause for apprehension as to the welfare of the Delaware Society, I am,

Yours very truly,

FRANK R. CARSWELL,
Secretary

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA SOCIETY.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 22, 1895.

In presenting the annual report of the Society, it is exceedingly gratifying to be able to refer to so auspicious a beginning of the fifth year of our existence, which finds us so well organized; our work and efforts having been so continuously directed to the building up of our membership and to the extending of our influence upon the same broad and patriotic principles on which our Society is established.

In respect to the numerical strength of the Society, the following statement and comment thereon are submitted:

On the date of the last publication of an official list (April, 1894) the total membership of the Society was		414
Elected since		20
Admissions		434
Membership terminated by dimit	9	
" " " death	8	
" " " resignation	1	
	—	18
Total Membership, February 22, 1895		416

From the foregoing statement it will appear that the growth of our Society has not been as great as was expected, nor at all commensurate with its laudable aims and patriotic objects; sufficient in themselves, by simple recital, to awaken impulse in a soul given up for dead.

Following is a recapitulation of the Treasurer's report:

Feb. 22, '94,	To balance on hand		$132 27
	" amounts received during the year on account of Dues	$989 00	
	Fees	145 00	
	Entertainments	544 50	
	Miscellaneous	60 25	
			1,738 75
"	Total on hand and received		$1,871 02

Feb. 22, '95,	By amounts disbursed during the year in payment of vouchers approved by the President and Secretary, under authority or the Board of Management	$1,559 29	
	Investment in debenture bonds of the A. S. & T. Co	200 00	
			1,759 29
"	Balance on hand		$111 73

The Board of Management has given most intelligent and careful consideration to the multitudinous matters which have been brought before it by the various committees and from other sources during the year, and through their action a well defined policy, tending constantly towards improvement, has been maintained.

In order to expedite the work of the Board and interest the members as actively as possible in the work of the Society, ten standing committees were appointed by your President on March 15, 1893, covering the several branches of the Society's affairs, with the following titles: Eligibility, Acceptability, Finance, Recruiting, Building, Library, Meetings, Advancement and Lookout, Executive and General Welfare. In addition to the foregoing, a Press Committee was formed later in the year. The division of the work, thus provided for, has proved most efficient and beneficial.

Some of the results accomplished during the past two years have been the furnishing and equipment of headquarters rooms for the meetings of the Society, Board of Management and committees; the establishment of a Society library; the perfection of a system by which an ascertainment of the eligibility and acceptability of applicants for membership has been established; the holding of a triennial conclave by the National Society; the establishment of uniformity in the size and appearance of circulars containing the current information of interest to the membership; the adoption of a regular method of procedure in cases of resignation; the appointment of ten standing committees with regular dates of meeting, as nearly as possible, and the rendering of regular reports; the revision and issue of the "List of Officers, Members and Committees, together with the Constitution and By-Laws of the Society;" the continuation of co-operation with the Society of the District of Columbia SONS OF THE REVOLUTION in the celebration of patriotic events; the adoption of a form for the installation of members, and of a Chapter plan of organization; the holding of the fourth Continental Congress of the National Society at the National Capital; the investment of ten per cent. of our annual revenues as the nucleus of a building fund; arrangement for demission of members; extending the work of the Recruiting Committee, so as to embrace the Army and Navy and the civil branches of the Government; the presentation to the Central High School of a copy of Gilbert Stuart's Athenæum Portrait of Washington; the holding of monthly meetings of the Society; and the formulation of a plan and prospectus for the erection at the National Capital of a Continental Hall as the

headquarters of the various patriotic societies composed of descendants of Revolutionary ancestors.

Regular meetings of the Board of Management have been held monthly, and special meetings when necessary, during the period mentioned. These show an average attendance per meeting of 14 members; the largest being 23 and the smallest 9. Sixty-seven meetings of the Board have been held since the organization of the Society.

Since February 22, 1893, 16 meetings of the Society have been held, with an average attendance of 63 members; the largest attendance noted was on the occasion of the reception tendered the members of the fifth Continental Congress of the National Society, held at the Arlington Hotel on the evening of April 30, 1894. The smallest attendance at any meeting was 27.

FRANCIS E. STORM,
Recording Secretary.

ILLINOIS SOCIETY.

CHICAGO, April 15, 1895.

To the Secretary General:

MY DEAR SIR: Pursuant to your request of recent date for a report of the doings of this Society for the last year, I beg to submit the following:

On January 22d, 1894, the Society was entertained by a lecture on "Art at the Time of the Revolution," by Mary H. Ford.

On Flag Day, June 14th, 1894, a complimentary banquet was given by Mr. S. E. Gross, C. K. Miller, and others, to the Society.

On May 30th, Memorial Day, eighty-five members of the Society participated in the parade—the first important public parade in which the Society has taken part since the dedication of the Lincoln Monument in Lincoln Park, Chicago. On the same day a grave marker was placed over the last resting place of "Father" Kennison, in Lincoln Park, who was one of the survivors of the Boston Tea Party.

On October 19th, "Yorktown Day," a dinner was given, at which time the Chicago Continental Guard appeared for the first time in uniform.

On this occasion the Guard was presented with a beautiful stand of silk colors—"Flag and Guidons"—by Mr. Chas. Kingsbury Miller.

The Chicago Continental Guard, which is composed only of members of the SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, has proved an interesting feature of our State Society. The uniform used may be described as follows:

Breeches, buff broadcloth, knee length, trimmed with ball buttons, boots with buff tops; waistcoat of buff broadcloth, brass ball buttons; coat of blue broadcloth with buff facings, ball buttons and leather stock and ruffle; three cornered hat with blue and white pompon; arms, sword hung in leather frog supported by white canvas belt. The style followed is that of the Revolutionary period.

The company is drilled by an efficient and experienced drill master, Col. John Conant Long, and under his care is attaining a very good knowledge of military tactics.

At the last annual meeting, Mr. Josiah L. Lombard presented his check for $100 to be given in prizes for the best essays on "Illinois in the Revolution," the prizes to be awarded Bunker Hill Day June 17th.

During the year a Committee was appointed to arrange for the building of a monument at Kaskaskia, Illinois, the location of the Fort of that name, which was captured by George Rogers Clark and his Virginia Regiment, and which was so important an event as to be the means of deciding the boundary lines between the United States and Canada. The Chairman of this Committee is Judge Henry M. Shepard.

The Society has also adopted a bronze "Illinois" Badge, to which are added from time to time bars pendant, commemorative of events in which the Society takes part.

On the 19th of this month a dinner will be given jointly with the Massachusetts Society in Chicago, to celebrate "Patriots Day"—the Lexington alarm. It promises to be a brilliant affair.

The Society now numbers 325 members, a gain of about 100 since the last report.

Seven have died during the year.

Resolutions were presented at the last meeting commending Governor Morton for his action in preventing the display of flags of foreign nations upon the public buildings of the State of New York.

A resolution was also adopted to assist the Society of Colonial Wars in preventing the use of the flag by attaching to it advertisements, by legislation.

All of which is respectfully submmitted.

JOHN D. VANDERCOOK,
Secretary.

IOWA SOCIETY.

To the Secretary General: I have the honor to submit the first annual report of the Iowa Society. In the spring of 1893, the first steps were taken toward organization of the Society by Prof. H. E. J. Boardman. In April, 1893, Circular No. 1 was issued, asking the address and co-operation of all descendants of Revolutionary sires. On June 15th, 1895, Circular No. 2 was issued, calling for a meeting at Des Moines. On July 5th, 1893, the first meeting was held; a temporary organization was affected and date of meeting for permanent organization was fixed, Circular No. 3 being issued at this time. On September 5th of that year a permanent organization was effected, H. E. J. Boardman being elected President, and F. G. Pierce, Secretary. On December 5th, 1894, Circular No. 5 was issued, and on January 15th, 1895, the second annual meeting was held at Des Moines, where the present officers were elected and other business of interest and importance transacted.

Our Society has had sixty-one applications, of which fifty-seven have been passed, and are now active members of the organization. We fully expect to pass the one hundred mark at our next annual meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
C. H. E. BOARDMAN,
Secretary.

KENTUCKY SOCIETY.

The Kentucky Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, during the past year, has succeeded in getting into good working order, although we can not report any great gain in membership.

We have aroused the desire to become members of the Society, and have more people in Kentucky looking up their ancestry than ever before.

Since our last report, the Society has issued a handsome year book, a copy of which has been mailed to each State Society.

GEORGE TWYMAN WOOD,
Secretary.

LOUISIANA SOCIETY.

To the Secretary General.

MY DEAR SIR AND COMPATRIOT:

In submitting the annual report of the Louisiana Society, SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, it affords me some little pleasure to record the following facts and achievements of the Louisiana Society for the year just now ending. Our Society was organized May 19, 1893, with a membership of thirteen duly qualified persons, which has grown in the two years of the life of the Society to the number of twenty-seven active members. We have lost during the same period, by death, three valuable members, namely, Maj. WILLIAM M. ROBINSON DURANT DA PONTE, and SAMUEL L. JAMES; and by transfer to the Maryland Society, on account of removal from our State, one member; and have placed on the suspended list for non-payment of dues, two members; making a total of six members not included in the count of our present membership of twenty-seven, and at our last meeting, held a few weeks since, the applications of several more persons were favorably considered, and the same will be in the hands of the Registrar General before the meeting of the Annual Congress. Notwithstanding that the past year has been one of unusual financial depression throughout the country, and also a year of very abnormal weather conditions, particularly in the South, all facts tending toward a retarding of the growth of a purely patriotic society, yet we have succeeded in keeping alight the spirit of patriotism in our midst, and the close of the year finds us busily engaged in securing new members, revising and printing our Constitution and By-Laws, and in assisting with our counsel and advice the organization of two new Societies among the ladies similar to our own, namely the DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, and the SPIRIT OF '76, which we feel sure must redound to our mutual benefit. Our Society has also recently donated to the Boys' Central High School of New Orleans a handsome portrait of Washington, with appropriate ceremonies, and we have under consideration the advisability of offering medals for the best essay and declamation on some patriotic event in American history to the public school children of our State. We hope to be represented at the annual Congress to be held in Boston May 1, 1895, but if not, we offer our best wishes for the success of the same, with our assurances that the Louisiana Society will be on hand at the next convention, with a report of achievements of which it will be justly proud. Tendering you the thanks of the Louisiana Society for past favors, I am, sir and Compatriot, loyally and patriotically. Yours very cordially,

ALTON HUNTINGTON MILLER,
Secretary Louisiana Society.

MAINE SOCIETY.

To the Secretary General of the National Society:

The Maine Society of the SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION commenced the year with 153 members. Since that time four have died, but our additions enable us to close the year with a membership of two hundred and nine.

At the annual meeting, February 22, 1894, it was voted to secure for the Society an oil portrait of Gen. HENRY KNOX. The work was entrusted to Mr. WALTER GILMAN PAGE, of Boston, an artist of high repute, and he has given us a most admirable copy of Stuart's celebrated painting now in the Museum of Art in Boston. Mr. PAGE desired that the frame should be a fac simile of that which adorns the original portrait, and such a fac simile was secured. The funds for the purchase of the portrait and frame were raised partly by subscription, and the balance was appropriated by the Board of Managers from the funds of the Society The portrait is hung in the Library Room of the Maine Historical Society, where our own library is kept.

On the evening of July 4, 1894, a patriotic service under the auspices of the Society, and in connection with the City Government, was held in City Hall, Portland. Mayor Baxter, a Vice President of the Society, presided, and an oration on "The Revival of Patriotism" was delivered by President Whitman, of Colby University.

The annual meeting of the Society was held in the forenoon of February 22, 1895, in the Library Room of the Maine Historical Society, Portland. There was a large attendance. Attention was called to the fact that General William Whipple, a signer of the Declaration of Independence, was a native of Kittery, Maine, and a committee was appointed to secure for the Society an oil portrait of Gen. WHIPPLE.

At the banquet at the Preble House in the afternoon, members of the Elizabeth Wadsworth Chapter of the DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION were present by invitation. PRESIDENT BURNHAM presided, and after the dinner addresses were made by Rev. GEORGE M. HOWE of Lewiston; Mrs. VIRGINIA H. F. WILSON, of Woodfords (representing the DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION), and Hon. MELVIN P. FRANK, of Portland. Excellent instrumental and vocal music added to the attractions of the occasion. There were 153 present.

The State of Maine has published in a pamphlet of fifty pages, "Names of Soldiers of the American Revolution who Applied for State Bounty Under the Resolves of March 17, 1835, March 24, 1836, and March 20, 1838, As Appears of Record in Land Office." This pamphlet was compiled by Lieut. Charles J. House, a member of this Society, and it has aided many persons in establishing proof of Revolutionary ancestry. Very respectfully submitted.

HENRY S. BURRAGE,
Secretary.

MARYLAND SOCIETY.

BALTIMORE, April 26th, 1895.

To the National Society, S. A. R., Boston, Mass.:

We wish to convey to the National Assembly an expression of our warm appreciation of the honor bestowed upon our Society, in the election of Col. WILLIAM RIDGELEY GRIFFITH, to the office of Vice President General.

When that occurred, he was Vice President of the Maryland Society, and it was under his energetic action while holding that office that the bronze tablet was put up to mark the site of Congress Hall, where the Continental Congress sat in Baltimore and conferred such important powers upon General Washington.

Appreciating such work at its true value, the Society, at the annual meeting on "Peggy Stewart" Day, October 19th last, elected him to the Presidency.

Shortly thereafter, the Board of Managers adopted as their special work for this year, the erection of a monument in Prospect Park, Brooklyn, to commemorate the heoric conduct of four hundred Maryland troops in sacrificing their lives to save from capture or destruction a large part of the retreating American Army at the disastrous battle of Long Island, August 27th, 1776. When WASHINGTON saw these men charging the enemy, he wrung his hands and exclaimed: "Good God! What brave fellows I must lose to-day."

Their prowess delayed the British long enough to enable the balance of the Americans to escape from the trap into which they had fallen.

Mr. FIELD, the Historian, in writing of this event says: "The sacrifice of their lives, so freely made by the generous and noble sons of Maryland, had not been made in vain. An hour, more precious to American liberty than any other in its history, had been gained." Maj. MORDECAI GIST and thirteen of his men, alone, made their way back to the American lines.

Arrangements have been completed by the committee having the matter in charge, of which our President is chairman, for the erection of a beautiful monument, costing three thousand dollars, upon the battlefield, and it will be dedicated on the anniverary of the battle in August next.

Mr. STANFORD WHITE of New York, has generously furnished the design and working plans, and it will be constructed and placed under the supervision of Park Commissioner FRANK SQUIER.

The Mayor of Brooklyn is planning for a great demonstration at the unveiling, to which we cordially invite all "sons," wheresoever dispersed, as the success of this brilliant piece of work will reflect honor upon, and must be shared in, by the Society as a whole,

Our great monument enterprise for Baltimore, which has been so successful in securing appropriations under the skillful management of Chairman GRIFFITH for several years past, was thought to have reached its culmination toward the close of the last Congress, but, notwithstanding the fact that the bill appropriating forty thousand dollars had passed the Senate by unanimous consent, untoward circumstances prevented it from reaching a vote during the expiring hours of the House. We are hoping the prestige of success in the Senate, however, may help to a happier issue in the next Congress.

Wishing the Society a harmonious and useful session, we have the honor to remain Your obedient servant,

JOHN RICHARDSON DORSEY,
Secretary.

MASSACHUSETTS SOCIETY.

THE MASSACHUSETTS SOCIETY OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, at its annual meeting, April 19th, 1895, reported having on its membership roll 630, of which 609 are active, 2 honorary, and 19 the sons of soldiers of the

Revolution. The changes since the last Congress have been 215 new members, 12 losses by death, 1 transfer, and 22 suspensions for non-payment of dues. The interest in our patriotic work increases yearly.

The Society issued a second volume of its year book, bringing its history and record of its members down to October 15th, 1894.

Much attention has been given to placing the emblematic "marker" at the graves of Revolutionary patriots. Forty have been placed in cemeteries within the limits of Boston the past year, and others have been contributed to be erected in other cities or towns in the State. The Society, by circulars sent the city and town officials, have recommended appropriations of money for this purpose, and the result has been satisfactory for a first appeal, with a good prospect of increasing in numbers in the near future.

The event of the year was the placing of a bronze marker with a tablet at the grave of General Lafayette in Picpus Cemetery, Paris, France, bearing the words, "Lafayette; a Tribute from the Massachusetts Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, 1894," together with the American flag. Capt. Nathan Appleton, Vice President of this Society, was appointed its delegate for this patriotic mission. The ceremony took place on the 19th of October, being the anniversary of the surrender of Cornwallis. Nearly three hundred American and French gentlemen and ladies assembled at the cemetery to do honor to Lafayette. The Lafayette family was represented by M. de Sahune Lafayette, Lieut. Paul de Sahune and others. Captain Appleton in his presentation speech, conveyed to the French representatives present and to M. de Sahune Lafayette in particular, as the representative of the Lafayette family, the thanks and homage of the American nation to the memory of his distinguished ancestor. In replying, M. de Sahune Lafayette expressed the gratitude of the family and the appreciation of his nation, and said that the ceremony would bind the closer the memories of the great Lafayette and the immortal Washington, which had always been so honorably linked together. M. de Sahune Lafayette and his brother, Lieut. Paul de Sahune, accepted the invitation, extended through Captain APPLETON, to join the Massachusetts Society, and they were duly admitted to membership at a meeting of the Managers held December 21st, 1894.

The Society, with ladies, held its sixth semi-annual meeting at Plymouth, October 19th, 1894. Historical addresses were made at the National Monument and Plymouth Rock by WILLIAM S. DANFORTH. This was one of the most interesting and satisfactory field days the Society has had since the adoption of this pleasant custom of our association.

We believe the future work of our Society to be not only the marking of graves, but also to encourage the educational influences, by offering public school medals for the best dissertations on Revolutionary themes and fostering the best there is in American citizenship.

Respectfully submitted,

HERBERT W. KIMBALL,

Secretary.

MICHIGAN SOCIETY.

DETROIT, MICH, April 18th, 1895.

To the Secretary General:

DEAR SIR: In compliance with the request contained in your favor of recent date, I give you herewith a synopsis of the report presented at the biennial meeting of this Society, held on the 16th inst., in the parlors of the Russell House, in this city.

During the interval between May 9, 1894, and the present, the membership has increased by twenty-six, and now numbers seventy-one in good standing, and there are several applications on file, awaiting examination and approval by the Registrar, and of late, a marked renewal of interest and inquiry for membership is apparent.

We have transferred one member to the Illinois Society, and we have received into our fold a member from the Vermont Society.

The question of incorporating the Michigan Society has been discussed, and at the meeting a committee was appointed to examine into the question and submit a report to the Board of Managers.

Recognizing the desirability of organizing Chapters through the State, a committee was likewise appointed to carry out the idea, and undoubtedly within the next twelve months, considerable work will be accomplished in that way.

I am, sir, yours very truly,

HENRY S. SIBLEY,
Secretary Michigan Society, S. A. R.

MINNESOTA SOCIETY.

ST. PAUL, Minn., April 18, 1895.

To the Secretary General:

DEAR SIR: In making my annual report in relation to Minnesota Society of the SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, there is little to be said except that we are improving steadily and successfully in the same lines which have heretofore been reported.

During the last year we have admitted one hundred and thirty-four new members, of which number one hundred and three have joined our Society since the 21st of November last. The rate of admission and number of applications for membership are well kept up, and we see no reason why we should not continue to grow as rapidly in the future as in the past.

The number of applications for membership in our Society has doubtless been stimulated by the publication of our Year Book, which is now well advanced. We had hoped to have it ready for delivery on the 19th instant, and still hope that it may be published by the last of the month. Of this, however, we are somewhat uncertain, as owing to the care taken by our Registrar the work progresses quite slowly.

Owing to deaths and removals of members and the inability of some of the earlier members to complete and verify their records to the satisfaction of our State and National Registrars, we shall not be able to make quite as good a showing in number of active members as we had hoped. However, we report and have an active membership of three hundred and fifty, which number is rapidly increasing.

During the last year, but two of our members have died. These were the Hon.

WESCOTT WILKIN, of St. Paul, who had for twenty-five years been a judge of our District Court, and Capt. CHARLES MCCLUER, of Stillwater, who, although at the time of his death a recent member of the Society, was a very enthusiastic one, and bade fair to be very energetic in our work.

We celebrated the 22d of February in our usual public manner, our exercises being highly successful, and the oration, delivered by one of our members, the Rev. Dr. JOHN PAUL EGBERT, being a notable contribution to the patriotic literature and addresses which will appear in our year book. We have passed in our Society a resolution asking for the enactment of a law providing for the display of the Stars and Stripes over every schoolhouse in the State of Minnesota, and shall endeavor to procure the enactment of such a law. We hope to continue the patriotic work, which is the object of the Society, with as great success as we have heretofore had.

Yours respectfully,

E. S. CHITTENDEN,

Secretary.

NEBRASKA SOCIETY.

OMAHA, NEB., April 10, 1895.

The Nebraska Society SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION was organized April 26, 1890. At the annual meeting held in Omaha, February 22, 1895, officers were elected for the ensuing year, reports were submitted by the Registrar and Treasurer, committees were appointed to attend to the work assigned them. The Registrar's report shows a membership of twenty-one, being a gain of five new members during the year. The Treasurer's report shows the Society out of debt and with a good cash balance on hand. We have begun a systematic work in enlisting new members by having our circulars printed in all the leading daily papers throughout the State, thus bringing the Society and its objects into more prominence in Nebraska than heretofore. The results are very encouraging for a largely increased membership in the near future. Our Society has fallen in line with its Compatriot Societies of the East, and during the afternoon of Washington's Birthday presented to the Omaha High School a copy of STUART'S portrait of Washington. The presentation was in charge of Compatriots CLEMENT CHASE, W. H. ALEXANDER, and Rev. LUTHER M. KUHNS. The exercises were held in the large audience room of the school, which was crowded with the pupils and their friends. In the evening we presented another copy to the Young Men's Christian Association, of Omaha. This presentation was in charge of Compatriots W. H. Alexander and JOHN R. WEBSTER, and was made the prominent feature of the very interesting program for what is known as "American Night" at Association Hall.

These events and the activity of the individual members of the Society have been the means of creating unusual interest in the ancestry of citizens of Nebraska, many of whom long years ago migrated from the refined and cultured East to the lanate West.

We now believe that very soon our Society will have increased to such a membership that it will be able to appropriately celebrate some of the many important events that made American liberty.

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. WEBSTER,

Secretary Nebraska Society S. A. R.

NEW HAMPSHIRE SOCIETY.

CONCORD, April 17, 1895.

The New Hampshire Society of SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION was organized April 24, 1889, as an independent State Society, under the name of the New Hampshire Society of SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, and it was not until April 11, 1894, that, by vote of the Society at its annual meeting ratifying the previous action of the Board of Managers, the Society finaliy connected itself with the national organization. Since that time the Society has emerged from a state of comparative chaos, established itself squarely upon a firm foundation, adopted business principles in its management, and won the attention and respect of the foremost men in the State.

During the year past we have lost, by death, 5; by withdrawal, 3; by demission, 1; a total loss of 9. We have admitted 64 new members during the year, up to the date of this report, making a net gain for the year of 55. We have now 176 members in good standing.

On the 29th of October, 1894, at the Old Fort Cemetery in East Concord, a memorial stone, bearing the names of thirteen Revolutionary soldiers buried there, was dedicated by the local members of the Society. The stone was presented by Miss ANNIE M. PHELPS of Brookline, Mass.

Our annual meeting was adjourned from April 10th to April 17th, that being deemed a more convenient date for various reasons. To our great disappointment, it happened that on that date, and on previous and following days, nearly the whole State was suffering from the greatest floods ever known in this section. Travel was entirely stopped by washouts on every line of railroad entering this city of Concord, where the meeting was to have been held, and for several days we were cut off from communication with the rest of the world except by wire. The meeting was again necesssarily adjourned, and will be held at some date in the early part of May which will be convenient to our speakers and invited guests.

Respectfully submitted,

OTIS G. HAMMOND,
Secretary.

NEW JERSEY SOCIETY.

NEWARK, N. J., April 25, 1895.

The Hon. Franklin Murphy, Secretary General of the National Society, Sons of the American Revolution.

DEAR SIR: One year ago the New Jersey Society, SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, had on the roll of membership 276 names. Seven of its members have since died, including the Hon. WILLIAM S. THROCKMORTON, of Freehold, Col. ARCHER N. MARTIN, of Summit, and the Hon. ANTHONY QUINTON KEASBEY, of Newark. The latter was for many years one of the ablest and most distinguished jurists of the State. But new names have been added to the roll at each meeting of the Managers, and to-day the Society has 292 members.

Recently the Society revised its Constitution, in order that it might be brought more closely into harmony with that of the National Society, and that the affiliation of the State with the national organization might be plainly set forth.

An article in the revised constitution provides that ten or more members of the Society resident in any county in this State may form themselves into a local Chapter. A charter may be granted to such Chapter by the Managers, and the Chapter may enact a constitution and by-laws not inconsistent with those of the national or State Societies. A charter has been granted to the Elizabethtown Chapter, which was organized on September 27, 1893, and is the first Society of the kind formed anywhere.

The National Editorial Association met in Asbury Park in July, 1894, and on Independence Day a committee of this Society conducted the editors and their friends, numbering altogether about six hundred, to the old battlefield at Monmouth. A special train of fourteen cars conveyed the party. The visitors were cordially welcomed and entertained by the citizens of Freehold. A meeting was held at the foot of the battle monument. THEODORE W. MORRIS, Vice President of this Society, representing also the Town Commissioners of Freehold, made an address of welcome, and patriotic speeches by members of the Editorial Association followed. Afterward the visitors were taken to the historic Tennent Church, which was used as a hospital during and after the battle, and in whose grounds some of the heroes of Monmouth found their graves. Over the old building floated a flag which was presented to the church by this Society. The Rev. FRANK R. SYMMES, pastor of the church, made an address, in which he related many interesting incidents in its history. It is notable that, as in the battle of Monmouth, there were troops present from each of the thirteen States, so at this gathering every State and Territory in the Union was represented.

At a meeting of the Board of Managers of this Society, held on May 17th last, it was ordered that the Society's appreciation of the honor conferred upon it by the election of its President, the Hon. JOHN WHITEHEAD, to be a Vice President of the National Society be expressed on the minutes.

The Society celebrated the anniversary of the Battle of Trenton on December 26th by holding a banquet in Newark. It was well attended, and several stirring addresses were made.

Yours respectfully,

G. WISNER THORNE,

Secretary.

EMPIRE STATE SOCIETY.

Mr. President General and Compatriots:

The year just closed will be memorable in the annals of this Society. The machinery, the scope of the Society and of individual membership, has been outlined, and the Society is facing the problems of achievement, instead of existence. It is alive and virile. Now for work.

The public is convinced of the worth of its principles and ambitions, and knows that personal vanities of individuals or sections are not to be found within it. Its strength of purpose has been tested in various ways, and virtue has triumphed.

All citizens but those who have been wilfully misinformed know that the business of the Sons of the American Revolution, is to encourage every American citizen, of whatever blood, to accept and value personal responsibilty in good citizenship, and to respond to no name but American.

The Society, like a vigorous youth, surveys the landscape of the new year critically. He may choose either of two methods—he may with tears and sorrow gather the bones of the dead and reverently enurn them with ceremony, and bewail the past and her glories, or he may, inspired by the records of noble deeds and god-like ambitions, devote himself to the political healing of his countrymen by reviving patriotism among them.

Pride in ancestry without personal accomplishment, is vainglorious and un-American.

As SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, we live to carry on the plans of our fathers—to make America the land of the free and the home of the brave, and to bequeath to our sons a better property than we inherited.

The achievements of the Society during the year have been brilliant, and have resulted in enthusiasm among the membership, and have inspired the confidence of the public.

The site of Washington's Headquarters at Dobbs Ferry has been marked by a beautiful Memorial. Fine portraits of Washington have been presented to many public schools. Flag Day, June 14th, was generally observed by the display of Old Glory throughout the State. The bill introduced by the Society in the Legislature, repealing the law allowing the destruction of the historical New York City Hall and Park, became a law, as did the act providing for the appointment of trustees of scenic and historic places and objects and the care of certain property in the State, being Chapter 166 of the Laws of 1895. This important measure has been very much applauded by thoughtful citizens, and the trustees have already organized under the act, our eminent honorary member, Hon. ANDREW H. GREEN, having been elected President, Hon. JOHN M. FRANCIS, Vice President, EDWARD P. HATCH, Treasurer, and JOHN WINFIELD SCOTT, Secretary; and our President and President General being among the Trustees. It is expected that much valuable work will be done by this organization to preserve the beautiful and historic throughout the State.

The year has been marked by the hearty co-operation of the New York State Society of the DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, in promoting patriotism in the State.

The annual banquet was given as complimentary to the Army and Navy, and was in every way a most brilliant success.

The Society assisted in promoting the law forbidding the flying of foreign flags upon public buildings, Governor MORTON of this State, who is also a member of our National Society, having signed the bill on Washington's birthday.

The Society has appropriated money for the employment of clerical assistance for the State Board of officers, and an active campaign of propaganda is in operation, with the strong prospect of largely increased membership and enthusiam during the ensuing year—the appropriation having been made with the understanding that the work of the National Organization Committee was to be done in the office of the Secretary of this Society.

The statistics for the past year, up to February 16th, are as follows:

Highest number on roll, February 16, 1895	563
" " " " 22, 1894	436
Total admitted during the year	127
Approved applications ready for action	12

Lost by death during the year	6	
Lost by resignation during the year	2	
Lost by dismission during the year	1	
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SINCE ORGANIZATION,

Highest humber on roll, February 16, 1895	563
Blank numbers reserved for applicants who failed to qualify	25
Total admissions since organization	538

Total losses by death	13	
" " resignation	5	
" " dismission	1	
		19
Present active membership, February 16		519
There have been added since		47
Total		566

(Signed) JOHN WINFIELD SCOTT,
Secretary.

OHIO SOCIETY.

To the Secretary General:

In regard to report expected from me, I have really nothing to report except that we are growing slowly, but surely. In Cleveland we have swept everything before us. Yours very truly,

HARRY P. WARD,
Secretary.

PENNSYLVANIA SOCIETY.

To the National Society, S. A. R.:

Our Society reports the work of the past year as having been devoted almost exclusively to the increase of our membership, and the firmer establishment of the Society in this community. We have now a membership of sixty-eight, which is an increase of thirty above our report of one year ago, two members, then reported, having dropped out during the year. Our efforts in this line are being pursued steadily, and with prospects of greater success during the coming year.

In addition to extending our membership, we hope to be able this year to take up some one or more of the forms of patriotic effort in which our sister State Societies have heretofore engaged with credit to themselves and advantage to the communities in which they dwell.

The annual meeting held February 22d was largely attended, and was marked with a manifest enthusiasm on the part of all present for the welfare of the Society and the accomplishment of its aims and hopes.

In the evening of that day the Society held a reception at the Assembly room of the Pittsburgh Club, at which were present as guests, the members of the Societies of the DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION and COLONIAL DAMES, and also representatives from the Society of SONS OF THE REVOLUTION, residing in this vicinity.

Some noteworthy addresses by members of the Society added to the enjoyment of the evening, but the crowning feature was the presentation of a magnifi-

cent silk flag to the Society, the generous gift of our esteemed President, Col. W. A. HERRON.

The officers and managers, elected at the annual meeting for the year 1895, have been reported to the Secretary General.

Sincerely hoping for the general success and prosperity of the Society, and that to the same we may be enabled, during the coming year, to contribute somewhat, the Pennsylvania State Society submits this, its second annual report.

THOMAS STEPHEN BROWN,
Secretary.

OREGON AND WASHINGTON SOCIETY.

VANCOUVER BARRACKS, WASH., April 22, 1895.

To the Secretary General,

COMPATRIOT: I have had sent to you a roster of our Society, showing its present strength and the number applying for membership, The project of dividing the Association, to form separate State Societies for Oregon and Washington, has been postponed for a more convenient season. The Chapters in Washington seem to answer the purpose of stimulating local interest.

Soon after the adjournment of the Congress of the National Society last year, I was ordered out with the troops under my command to suppress open violations of law brought about by strikes on the Northern Pacific Railway. In the performance of this duty it came to my knowledge that secret societies of the discontented had organized military companies, which had been armed and drilled for the purpose of resisting civil authority.

In this connection I wish to call the attention of the National Society to the fact, that while a large proportion of the discontented seem to have retained some respect for the general government, a majority of them have no feeling of loyalty to the State Governments, and seem to have no compunction whatever in violating their laws.

I beg leave to submit, that while it should be our patriotic endeavor to cultivate a sentiment of love and loyalty to the Governments of our States united, it is equally important to impress upon our naturalized citizens and upon all who have not had the advantage of a liberal education, that obedience to the laws and respect to the authority of every State is essential to the security of all and to the perpetuity of our institutions.

Disloyal Societies still exist. They are no longer seeking recruits among skilled mechanics, but are extending their membership among a lower and more dangerous element. I do not mean to intimate that we have much to fear from these Societies. Conspiracies are foreign to the genius of our people, "And Treason can but peep at what it would." This statement is made to urge the importance of extending our organization, not only to disseminate an abstract sentiment of patriotism, but also to bring about our appreciation of the fact, that our local Governments form an integral and essential part of our federal system. We have an abundance of post-prandial patriotism, but it does not seem to permeate the class whose food supply is meagre, and whose sentiments are perverted.

With great respect, your obedient servant,

THOMAS M. ANDERSON,
President of the Oregon and Washington Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

RHODE ISLAND SOCIETY.

To the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution:

The Rhode Island Society reports that the year just passed has been the most prosperous in its existence. Its list of members has been increased by 27 names. Respecting the credentials of the new members the utmost care has been exercised. The Society believes that no State Society scrutinizes the papers of applicants more closely, and that no Society can show a more perfect record of ancestral service. Its present membership is 148. One member, Col. CRAWFORD ALLEN, a veteran of the War of the Rebellion, has died since the last report was made.

Saturday, October 6, 1894, the Society made its first commemorative pilgrimage. It commemorated on that day the bombardment of Bristol by a British fleet, Saturday, October 7, 1775. THE DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION joined in the celebration, members from every Rhode Island Chapter being present. The occasion was a most enjoyable one. Bristol stands on soil that is rich in historical associations. It was therefore fitting that it should be the scene of the Society's first pilgrimage. The Mount Hope Lands, on which Bristol stands, were the abode of the Indian Sachem Massasoit, "Friend of the White Man," in the earliest Colonial days. Near Mount Hope, in the present town of Bristol, his heroic son and successor, KING PHILIP, met his death. The town was bombarded in 1775; three years later it was burned by the British. From its harbor sailed forth the Yankee, most famous and successful of all the privateers of the War of 1812. The visiting Sons and Daughters were conveyed in carriages to a house built in early Colonial days (now the residence of Mr. JOHN POST REYNOLDS), which was for a time the headquarters of the MARQUIS DE LAFAYETTE. Hence they went to Mount Hope, the abode of KING PHILIP—from that point to Ferry Hill, whence they looked south upon the rocks over which BARTON and his little company rowed to accomplish one of the most daring feats of the Revolutionary War, the capture of the English General PRESCOTT. To the northwest they saw the "Point," upon which His Majesty's armed schooner "Gaspee" grounded. There the first open organized attack of the revolutionary struggle was made upon this British vessel by the boats' crews that had gone forth from Providence and from Bristol. A banquet at the Town Hall, with appropriate speeches, closed the commemorative exercises.

Frequent pilgrimages will probably be made in the future. In no better way can the Society stimulate patriotism than by directing attention to the patriotic deeds of our sires.

This Society has adopted the marker for the graves of Revolutionary soldiers designed by the Massachusetts Society and have already taken steps to have more than two hundred graves located within the State properly designated.

For the Rhode Island Society, WILFRED H. MUNRO,
Historian.

VERMONT SOCIETY.

The Vermont Society of the SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION is in a flourishing condition and now has a membership of 231. The Society was organized at the State Capital, Montpelier, April 2d, 1889 with nine charter members. Col. W. SEWARD WEBB, late President General of the National Society heading

the list. The Society has lost twelve members by death since its organization six years ago. Since the last annual Congress fourteen members have been admitted to the Vermont Society.

The last annual meeting of the Society was held at Brattleboro, August 16th, 1894, the 117th anniverary of the Battle of Bennington. The following officers were elected: ZOPHAR M. MANSUR, President, Island Pond; DANIEL W. ROBINSON, Vice President, Burlington; CHARLES S. FORBES, Secretary, St. Albans; MILTON K. PAINE, Treasurer, Windsor; HENRY L. STILLSON, Registrar, Bennington; GEORGE G. BENEDICT, Historian, Burlington; REV. CHARLES R. SEYMOUR, Chaplain, Bennington.

Board of Managers: F. STEWART STRANAHAN, St. Albans; OLIN SCOTT, Bennington; BENJAMIN F. FIFIELD, Montpelier; FLETCHER D. PROCTOR, Proctor; HEMAN W. ALLEN, Burlington; FRED D. BUTTERFIELD, Derby Line; HERBERT E. TAYLOR, Brattleboro.

Delegates and Alternates to the National Congress were chosen as follows:

Delegates to the National Congress.—President, ZOPHAR M. MANSUR, *ex-officio*, Island Pond; Vice President, DANIEL W. ROBINSON, *ex-officio*, Burlington; At Large, WILLIAM PAUL DILLINGHAM, Waterbury; Delegate, H. HENRY POWERS, Morrisville; Delegate, ROBERT J. KIMBALL, West Randolph.

Alternates.—For President, COL. E. A. CHITTENDEN, St. Albans; for Vice President, COL. C. S. FORBES, St. Albans; for Delegate at Large, WILLIAM W. GROUT, Barton; for Delegate, HUGH H. BAXTER, Rutland; for Delegate, JOHN B. FLETCHER, St. Albans.

The Society voted to present the Secretary, CHARLES SPOONER FORBES, a badge of the SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, at the expense of the Society, in recognition of his past services. The badge was subsequently formally presented to the Secretary by Col. E. A. CHITTENDEN, chairman of the committee appointed for that purpose. A committee was appointed to consider the question of the formation of local Chapters of the SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION in the State. During the past year a Chapter of the SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION has been established at Middlebury, and it is expected that others will be organized in other parts of the State in the near future. The Society voted to propose an amendment to the National Congress in 1895 for adoption as a part of the Constitution, the proposition, that all Past Presidents of State Societies shall be life members of the National Congress, so long as they are members of a State Society. At the annual banquet of the Society, held at the Brooks House, August 16th, the President, Gov. U. A. WOODBURY, presided, and conducted the post prandial exercises. Responses to toasts were made by Hon. L. E. CHITTENDEN of New York, Judge WHEELOCK G. VEAZEY of Washington, D. C., Gen. JOHN G. MCCULLOUGH and others.

During the term of office of the new President, Col. ZOPHAR M. MANSUR, he has appointed Delegates to represent the Society at the dedication of the monument erected to the memory of Gov. THOMAS CHITTENDEN at Williston.

The Society will probably publish a year book in 1895.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES SPOONER FORBES,

Secretary.

VIRGINIA SOCIETY.

RICHMOND, VA., April 17, 1895.

This organization was formed in July, 1890, and although it has been in existence nominally since that date, nothing has ever really been done to advance the Society or make it an assured success, and the work of reorganization has just been begun. I do not mean by this statement to reflect upon the officers of the Virginia Society, who have done all that could be expected of them, but owing to a variety of circumstances not necessary to enumerate here, the membership has not been increased since the first organization, and the Society is practically in statue quo.

The annual meeting is to occur on May 15th, and we have arranged for an address upon that occasion, to be followed by a supper, and we hope thereby to awaken interest in the organization, and every effort will be made to secure a membership large enough to make the Virginia Society a large and flourishing branch of the national one. The conspicuous part played by Virginia in the Revolution makes it particularly fit and proper that this State should be worthily represented in the SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, and I hope before long to be able to give you a better report of the Virginia Society.

(Signed) BARTON H. WISE,
Secretary Virginia Society, S. A. R.

UTAH SOCIETY.

To the Secretary General:

Pursuant to your letter of April 3d, I beg to submit the First Annual Report of the Utah Society.

On Tuesday evening, January 29th, 1895, at the call of Dr. GEORGE H. PENROSE, member of the District of Columbia Society, and Dr. WM. W. BETTS, of the Minnesota Society, the following named persons met at No. 416 McCormick Block, Salt Lake City, for the purpose of organizing the Utah Society, SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION:

DR. WILLIAM W. BETTS, Minnesota; Dr. GEORGE H. PENROSE, District of Columbia; LIEUT. W. K. WRIGHT, U. S. A., New York; GEN. WM. H. PENROSE, U. S. A.; Chaplain D. R. LOWELL, U. S. A.; HOYT SHERMAN, JR., LEDYARD M. BAILEY, NAT M. BRIGHAM, U. S. Marshal for Utah; Dr. ELIAS S. WRIGHT, MORRIS L. RITCHIE, EDWARD H. SCOTT, LIEUT. E C. CAREY, U. S. A.; LIEUT. JOHN F. PRESTON, U. S. A.

At this meeting a temporary organization was effected, and officers elected, subject to the granting of a charter by the National Society.

On the evening of February 22d, 1895, at No. 201 Dooly Building, the Utah Society held its first annual meeting, adopted its constitution and by-laws, as per copies already filed with the Secretary General, and elected the following officers to serve for the term of one year, or until their successors are elected:

President, Gen. W. H. PENROSE, U. S. A.; Vice President, SAMUEL A. MERRITT, Chief Justice of Utah; Secretary, LEDYARD M. BAILEY; Treasurer, HOYT SHERMAN, JR.; Registrar, DELMAR R. LOWELL, Chaplain, U. S. A.; Historian, Hon. CHARLES C. GOODWIN; Chaplain, DELMAR R. LOWELL.

Board of Managers, in addition to the officers above named—NAT M.

Brigham, U. S. Marshal for Utah; Gen. A. J. Woodbury, Dr. William W. Betts, Dr. Geo. H. Penrose, Lieut. W. K. Wright, U. S. A.

At the date of this report, the Utah Society has eighteen members whose applications have been approved by the Registrar General; with six applicants, who have already forwarded their applications to the Registrar General, and fourteen who are perfecting evidence in order to make application in due form.

It is proposed to hold the First Annual Dinner of the Utah Society on June 17th to commemorate the battle of Bunker Hill.

Respectfully submitted,

LEDYARD M. BAILEY,

Secretary.

Mr. Scott (New York): Mr. President General, some time ago I submitted a resolution to the National Executive Committee and I was authorized to introduce a resolution to this effect at this congress :

Resolved, That it is the sense of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, that the historical battleship Constitution should be rebuilt, and forever preserved as an illustration of the type of warship which has immortalized the United States Navy, and that she be located at the National Capitol, Washington, to be used as a National Naval Museum; and

Resolved, That a Committee of three members of this Society be appointed by the President, to take the matter under consideration, with power to properly present the matter to Congress for action; and

Resolved, That the bill providing for this action be presented to Congress by the above Committee, as representing the National Society, and that each State Society be requested to memorialize Congress through their several Congressional Delegations, urging the enactment of the law; and that the several State Societies be requested to thoroughly agitate the question in the public press of their respective States.

Mr. President General, it has been proved in New York State, and evidently in the other States in which there are Societies of the Sons of the American Revolution, that activity is the essential thing for life—rather a trite expression, but one that has been abundantly proved by us all. In New York State, and I speak particularly of New York State without entering into any comparison with any of the other States, we have bristled with activity. The Board which represents the Society is full of active, intelligent, brainy Americans, who are devoted to the idea that the Sons of the American Revolution are instituted to enliven live Americans at the same time that they are revering dead ones. (Applause.) I read in a newspaper article the other day that a convention held not long since in one of the old States rather frowned upon such action, and prided itself upon the fact that they did not call to themselves any such attention. It was not the Society of the Sons of the American Revolution that made that boast. (Laughter and applause). The New York State Society is in favor of adopting ideas that will promote good citizenship throughout the State. Whether men are eligible for membership in our Society or not, is immaterial; so long as they are voters, so long as they are American citizens, we consider that it is part of our mission to enliven those men to understand that they are individually responsible for good govern-

ment in our State and in our Nation. (Applause.) It was in harmony with this idea, Mr. President General and Compatriots, that this idea of restoring the old Constitution came to some members of our Board. We felt that an opportunity was presented there for enlivening the whole country by our National Society proposing this matter in Congress, and the various State Societies encouraging their congressional delegations to take the matter up, so that there would be a wave of patriotic enthusiasm sweep over the country which would bring more municipal reform and more desirable things in our national politics. I believe, sir, that nothing could be done that would so appeal to the hearts of the American citizens as the proper carrying out of this proposition.

THE PRESIDENT: Compatriots, you have heard the resolution offered by Mr. SCOTT, and duly seconded. Those in favor of its adoption will say aye; those opposed, no. The ayes have it; the resolution is adopted. The Chair would state in this connection—he would say a little more on the subject if Mr. SCOTT were not present, because he knows him to be a very modest Compatriot—that there has been a very important measure passed by the Legislature of New York this year, owing to the exertions of the SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION. A provision in that is made for trustees, duly incorporated, with power to hold property and to take possession of places of historic and scenic interest, and the passage of that was owing very largely to the zealous and untiring efforts of Mr. SCOTT. (Applause.) That has been organized, and it is hoped that it will take under its sheltering wing a number of the historic battlefields and other places of interest. When I say that Mr. SCOTT is the Secretary of this Board of Trustees, the active officer, and the Chairman of the Executive Committee is your President General, people will surmise there will be no conflict between that and the SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION. (Applause.)

MR. APPLETON (Massachusetts): Mr. President General, before going to lunch and the Granary Burying Ground, which we ought to do very soon, I would like to put in a resolution that will take less than five minutes. I would say first what I did not say, that this marker, "S. A. R.," tells the story of what the future of this Society is going to be. There is no getting away from that, Sons, or Soldiers or Sailors of the American Revolution, when they are placed all over the country, as they are fast being placed in Massachusetts. We have issued a circular asking city or town governments to put them up at their expense; citizens have done it in other places, and we have several here in the State already. I would like to call the attention of the delegates from Rhode Island to the fact that in the churchyard, Trinity Church at Newport, are the graves of Admiral Chevalier de Tourney, and Chevalier de Fayette, the latter an aide-de-camp to General Lafayette. I would like to call the attention of the delegates from New York especially to the fact that there must be many graves in St. Paul's churchyard and Trinity churchyard. I can merely say that my grand-uncle, Major Job Sumner, and Major John Lucas, of Georgia, are lying together in St. Paul's Churchyard. I wrote a letter to the sexton a year ago, asking if I could send a marker on. I received this answer, which I will read, because it will apply to many persons who must have ancestors buried in these yards. It was written at the office of the corporation of Trinity Church.

"*Nathan Appleton, Esq.:*

"DEAR SIR: In answer to your letter of the 8th inst., I enclose a sketch of the tombstone in St. Paul's chapel yard, of Major Job Sumner, also that of Major John Lucas, with the inscription thereon. We cannot grant the privilege you ask, as our rules forbid the erection in our grounds of any metal monuments. In this case there does not seem to be a necessity for it, as a sufficient monument already exists."

They certainly cannot understand that a little marker like that would be interpreted as a metal monument, and they will change. Now, then, I come to the resolution to make this movement of marking national, to start it, to give it a national significance this year.

Resolved, That a committee of thirteen be appointed by the President General of the Society of the SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION to take charge of the placing of the marker or emblem of the Society on the graves of all signers of the Declaration of Independence wherever they can be found.

MR. HUBBELL (New Jersey): Mr. President, I would like to ask the gentleman why he puts 1775 instead of 1776 on the markers. The year 1776 is the usual year. It has on it 1775.

MR. APPLETON (Massachusetts): That was on the insignia of the Society, I think; at any rate, we took Lexington and Concord as the real, practical beginning of the war. We had to have some date. (Applause.)

The motion was carried.

The President General, in accordance with the foregoing resolution, subsequently appointed the following committee:

COMMITTEE FOR MARKERS.

EDWIN SHEPARD BARRETT, of Massachusetts; NATHAN APPLETON, of Massachusetts; DR. C. M. GREEN of Massachusetts; Major HOWARD MORTON, of Pennsylvania; JOSIAH L. LOMBARD, of Illinois; CHARLES KINGSBURY MILLER, of Illinois; EDWARD PAYSON CONE, of New York; C. W. HASKINS, of New York; GEN. E. S. GREELEY, of Connecticut; E. A. SUMNER, of Minnesota; WM. E. CHANDLER, of Connecticut; JOHN J. HUBBELL, of New Jersey; THEO. W. MORRIS, of New Jersey.

MR. STANIELS (New Hampshire): Mr. President General, antecedent to a resolution which I shall offer, I would like to say for the New Hampshire Society that last fall we had the pleasure of dedicating a monolith in a small but ancient cemetery in Concord, having upon it the name of Lieut. BENJAMIN THOMPSON, as aide to LAFAYETTE, who lived and died there. I merely mention this in connection with this reference which Captain APPLETON has made to the associate aides upon the staff of that General. As a matter of courtesy and propriety, I would like to offer the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The *Spirit of 76*, a monthly patriotic magazine published in New York by private enterprise, has given full and frequent reports to the work of the SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, thereby entitling it to some expression of appreciation and commendation; and,

WHEREAS, This service has been of special value from the fact that its issues also contain the news of all the organizations with entire fairness, thus enabling its readers to become well informed upon all that affects their interests; and,

WHEREAS, The influence of this magazine strongly and effectively assists in creating and extending a general patriotic interest among those from whom our Society must be recruited; therefore, be it

Resolved, That while we ask for and expect no favors, not equally granted the other Societies, we, THE NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, do hereby express our appreciation of the assistance this magazine has given to our work, and we therefore urge our members generally, to become regular readers of its pages, and we commend it especially to the favorable attention of our State Societies.

As a slight token of this appreciation, the Secretary General is hereby authorized to send a copy of this resolution to The *Spirit of '76;* to each of the Secretaries of the State Societies for transmission to all the members; and at his discretion to send to each member of the Society, a copy of the next issue of the magazine.

The motion was seconded and adopted.

MR. BARRETT (Massachusetts): I move, Mr. President, that we adjourn until 2.15 o'clock.

The motion was adopted and the Congress adjourned for lunch.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Convention reassembled at 2:15 P. M.

THE PRESIDENT: The Convention will please come to order.

MR. FORBES (Vermont): Mr. President General, on behalf of the Vermont Society, I desire to submit a proposed amendment to the National Constitution, adopted by the Vermont Society at the annual meeting held in Brattleboro, August 16, 1894:

Resolved, That this Society propose an amendment to the National Constitution of the SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, at the coming National Congress, providing that all Past Presidents of State Societies be, and are hereafter entitled to membership in, the National Congress, with the same rights and privileges as delegates chosen by State Societies.

I wish to say briefly, in behalf of this resolution, that I think it would interest a large number of people that have been prominent in the Society, that have contributed to make it a success in every State that it has been, and that we should have a full representation from every State. In Vermont, we have been in existence about eight years and we have had eight Presidents, who, if this resolution was adopted and made a part of the Constitution, would be entitled to membership at present.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair must state that arguments are not in order at the present time, but if they will submit this to the Secretary General, it will be presented for consideration and argument at the next convention.

MR. MURPHY (Secretary General): If the Chair will permit me, the Secretary will read the article of the Constitution in regard to amendments.

"Article VIII. This Constitution may be altered or amended at any meeting of the Congress of the National Society, provided that sixty days notice of the proposed alteration or amendments, which shall first have been recommended by a State Society, shall be sent by the Secretary General to the President of each State Society. The vote of two-thirds of those present shall be necessary to their adoption."

So that I suppose the rule would be that this notice must be sent at least sixty days before the next Congress.

THE PRESIDENT: The resolution will take that course.

MR. GRIFFITH, (Maryland): Would I be out of order, sir, to offer a resolution at the present time?

THE PRESIDENT: Perfectly in order.

MR. GRIFFITH, (Maryland).

WHEREAS, THE SOCIETY OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION was organized for patriotic purposes, and legislation by the Congress of the United States is often required and favorable action necessary, and in order to obtain the same a large amount of work must be done, therefore be it

Resolved, That the President General of this national body, be and he is hereby authorized to appoint a committee, of which said committee he shall be *ex-officio* member and chairman.

Resolved, That the said committee shall be known as the Committee on National Legislation; it shall take charge of all business of this National Society requiring action by the Congress of the United States, and it shall aid the State Societies in their legislation before the said United States Congress, provided the legislation of the said State Societies shall receive the endorsement of said committee and be of the character of work for which this organization was formed.

May I say a word, sir, in regard to that? You are well aware, Mr. President, that during the past two years I have been engaged in trying to have passed a national appropriation at Washington for the Maryland Revolutionary monument that we have already obtained State and city appropriations for and a large amount of subscriptions. In fact, sir, we have all the money necessary to erect that monument, if we could get from the National Congress the amount of $40,000 that we ask for. During the last session of the Senate I succeeded, sir, with your kind aid—and I wish publicly here to thank you for the way you have aided the Maryland Society—in passing that bill unanimously through the Senate. We failed in the House for a reason which, perhaps, it would be best not to state here. Now, Mr. President, I am fully convinced that the whole strength and power of this organization of ours cannot do the work that should be done unless some committee is formed to look after this special legislation at Washington. For instance, sir, suppose—I left blank the number—suppose a committee of eleven, or of one from each State, was appointed. We would then have in each State a power, or a

representative, to work up these State Societies to an interest in this legislation, and they could, before the assembling of Congress, see the representatives from their State, get them pledged to the work that we want done, and in that way be a power. I think, sir, that the committee, if appointed, would certainly be the means of putting through a good deal of the legislation that we have to propose at the next Congress of the United States.

THE PRESIDENT: Gentlemen, you have heard the resolution. Is it seconded?

MR. HASKINS (Treasurer General): Mr. President, I would like to say that the President of the Maryland Society suggested that they have a member of this committee from each State. The Board of Managers can answer that same purpose, as provided for in the Constitution. It is in the requirements of the duties to be filled by the Board of Managers.

MR. GRIFFITH (Maryland): I will ask the gentleman, sir, has the Board of Managers done that duty in the past?

THE PRESIDENT: It has never been required of them and, of course, as the resolution stands now, it requires a special committee. The Chair understands that the number of eleven is suggested for the committee.

MR. GRIFFITH (Maryland): Yes, sir. Or, gentlemen, I have no preference in regard to the number, only that it shall be strong.

THE PRESIDENT: So that is the motion before the body now. It recurs upon this resolution.

The resolution was adopted.

The President General in accordance with the foregoing resolution subsequently appointed the following committee:

COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL LEGISLATION.

Gen. HORACE PORTER, Chairman; WILLIAM RIDGELEY GRIFFITH of Maryland, Gen. JOSEPH S. BRENT of Maryland, E. J. HILL of Connecticut, A. HOWARD CLARK of Washington, CHAUNCEY M. DEPEW of New York, JOHN WINFIELD SCOTT of New York, Dr. G. BROWN GOODE of Washington, A. W. GREELEY of Washington, J. C. CALHOUN of New York, FRANKLIN MURPHY of New Jersey, EUGENE VANDERPOOL of New Jersey.

MR. COGSWELL (New Hampshire): Mr. President General, I rise to a question asking the unanimous consent of this body to make a statement. This morning, at the session, my friend from New York introduced a resolution, which, in substance, took the old ship Constitution from our navy yard in New Hampshire and carried it to Washington. The New Hampshire delegation, not thinking that anybody would take that historic ship from their State, that acted well its part in the Revolutionary War and all wars in this country, said nothing. As a representative of New Hampshire, sir, I do not feel that I ought to stand here quiet and allow that historic emblem of our nationality to be carried from New Hampshire to any part of this country. We believe, sir, that it belongs to New Hampshire, and I ask—I don't know what my comrades of New Hampshire, or my companions may do—but I want to enter my protest as a representative from

New Hampshire, one of the original thirteen, to having that old ark, that grand old ship, taken from our borders. I presume, sir, that some other member from New Hampshire may make some motion upon this subject.

MR. SCOTT (New York): Mr. Chairman, I would like to call the attention of the President General and of the Compatriots here assembled as to what made the old Constitution glorious, as to what she represented when she went out upon the sea. I would like to ask if there is anything in our title which she represented. New Hampshire is an honored and an honorable part of America, but the Constitution belongs to America and represented American influence and American bravery and American valor. (Applause.) Mr. Chairman, the Constitution was sent up to Portsmouth to die; I propose that she be sent to Washington to live. (Applause.).

MR. COGSWELL (New Hampshire): It has been my idea in my life for fifty years back to suppose, when our grand old ancestry were buried, they were buried forever; and when the grand old Constitution was sent up to New Hampshire to die, I say, let it remain; don't disturb the bones of that grand old ship, and take it to Washington; let it stay where it is. I am not opposed, Mr. President, to having that ship reconstructed; make it as valuable as possible; but I don't want this Convention to pass upon the question what shall be its final disposition. Leave that to the hereafter; we will take our chances of that.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair would state that there is really no motion before the house, and we are proceeding in rather an unparliamentary manner, but the Chair has understood it so far to be in the way of a personal protest. Mr. Bailey of New Hampshire.

MR. BAILEY (New Hampshire): I desire to make a motion, and that is that the action of the forenoon, in regard to this subject, be so modified that this Convention simply recommend, or ask that Congress shall reconstruct this vessel, without stating the place where the work of reconstruction shall be done, whether it shall be at Portsmouth or Washington. This vessel has been at Portsmouth for more than twenty years. Why should not the work of reconstruction be at Portsmouth instead of at Washington? That is the only point. After it is reconstructed, then the authorities can do what they please with it; but the work of reconstruction, we claim, should be at Portsmouth. Now, that is the only point. We desire to have the action of this Convention, of this Congress, so modified that it cannot influence that question at all. I hardly think that we ought to decide here where that work of reconstruction should be done. We, in New Hampshire, want to have all the work done at Portsmouth, New Hampshire, that we can possibly have done there. The history of the vessel afterward is not to be considered here, it seems to me. Now, I move for that purpose, to so modify that vote that this Convention can simply recommend, or ask that Congress shall reconstruct this vessel, without stating the place where. After it is reconstructed, then let them determine where it shall remain. Now, if I am understood, I make this motion to take the sense of the Convention. I don't know how the gentlemen present will vote, but I desire to have it brought before this Congress, whether they should do it at Washington or at Portsmouth, or simply ask them to do it, and let the authorities do it where they see fit. I therefore make the motion. It is simply for the purpose of modifying this resolution so

that it may ask that this vessel be reconstructed, not saying the place where it shall be done. I make that motion.

The motion was seconded, but after some debate was lost.

MR. GRIFFITH (Maryland): The Secretary has kindly offered to read a circular for me, and after he reads it I would like to say a few words in regard to it.

THE PRESIDENT: If there is no objection, the Secretary General will read, for information, this invitation to the dedication of the monument next August.

MR. MURPHY (Secretary General): This circular is somewhat long, and it appears to be a description of the ——

MR. GRIFFITH (Maryland): Shall I explain first just a few words?

THE PRESIDENT: Perhaps you can explain the invitation more briefly, Mr. GRIFFITH, than by reading this document.

MR. GRIFFITH (Maryland): That circular, Mr. President and gentlemen of the Convention, is a compilation compiled with great care of the twelve or thirteen histories of the United States in regard to the charge of the Maryland 400 at the Battle of Long Island, when we saved the American Army. I don't want, sir, to take up too much of the time of the Convention, and if there is the least objection, I shall not read it. I will say that the Maryland Society has been in the habit, outside of this large Revolutionary monument that it has been engaged upon for the past four or five years, of taking up some piece of work each year, that work to be finished during that year. For instance, last year we marked old Congress Hall, Baltimore City, where the National Congress met in the dark days of 1776, when we were driven from Philadelphia, you remember, and where Washington had conferred upon him those extraordinary powers for the conduct of the Revolutionary War. We marked that old building, sir, with one of the handsomest bronze tablets, certainly. This year, carrying out that idea of some particular work to be done every year, we have signed the contracts for the erection of a monument on the battlefield of Long Island to commemorate the spot where the Maryland 400 saved the American Army. The work is by Stanford White, of New York, one of the World's Fair architects—I believe I am correct in that statement—and will be something that is considered by the Society worthy of being a work of one of the State Societies. The monument will be erected and ready for dedication on August 27th, the anniversary of the Battle of Long Island. Now, Mr. President, it seems to me that that should be an occasion and a chance for the Societies of this country to make what is termed so very often a visit to their other Societies. Invitations will be extended to the military throughout the country, and so on. There will be ceremonies and speeches. Now, my idea in getting up is this: that I would like to see, if not a State Society in a body, at least some one to represent each State Society throughout the country, and I extend to you all an invitation to meet us there on August 27th. That will do instead of reading the circular.

MR. HALL (Historian General): I desire to offer two resolutions. The first one is this:

Resolved, That the National Society's officers be requested to memorialize Congress in favor of the publication in book form of the records of service in the American Revolution, which are now being indexed at Washington.

I think it very proper, inasmuch as our Society has gotten the indexing of them now, we would like to have them published, so as to make them accessible. I offer that resolution, sir.

The resolution was seconded and adopted.

MR. HALL (Historian General): Here is the second one, sir:

Resolved, That the several State Societies be requested to take steps for the general observance of Flag Day, 1895, in the several cities and municipalities within their respective jurisdictions. I will say that in New York city last year our local Societies sent a circular to every hotel, club house, and town and public building in the city, requesting them to show the flag on June 14. The result was a very beautiful display throughout the whole city. If that work were done in other States, we would have a very splendid demonstration all over the country.

THE PRESIDENT: Those in favor of the adoption of the resolution will say aye; those opposed, no. The ayes have it. The resolution is adopted.

MR. SCOTT (New York): Mr. President General, I beg the pardon of the Congress for speaking again, but I wish to say, by way of explanation, that if you knew what a red-hot gridiron of ideas the New York Board of Managers of the SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION is, you would not wonder that their Secretary sometimes has something to say. I have here a proposition looking toward an improved method among the Societies, particularly among the Secretaries. With your permission, I will offer it:

Resolved, That the Secretary General issue a circular requesting the Secretaries of all State Societies to send copies of all official documents used in the operation of their Societies, to the Secretary General and to the Secretary of each State Society, in order that the whole Society may become familiar with the best methods of operation, and invite suggestions for the promotion of membership in the Society, and plans for the development of patriotism in all citizens of this country.

The resolution was seconded.

MR. MURPHY (General Secretary): Mr. President General, if I may say a word on this resolution, I would like to say to the Congress that there is the—I was going to say the germ of an idea, but that is a reflection on what is really a very big idea itself; there is a strong suggestion in that resolution for usefulness to this Society. Perhaps some of you who were in Washington will remember a three-minute speech that I made at the conclusion of the Congress a year ago, in which I went on to explain why the Secretary General of this Society was of so little value to this organization. I said that one of the reasons was that he could not get information from the State Secretaries and that he proposed this year, that is to say, in the year that has just passed, from time to time, to send a circular to the various State Societies, asking them what they had in the line of information that would interest the National Society; that he proposed then to take those reports as received from the various State Secretaries and consolidate them and send a circular to each of the various State Societies, so that each State Society might feel in touch with this general patriotic movement as it was being developed by the various organizations throughout the country. In the course of time, such a

circular was sent out. After a week or two the replies came dribbling in, thinner than stray raindrops in a shower in dry summer time, and after waiting for four or five weeks, he found that he did not get answers enough to justify him in putting all that he received together and printing the circular that he desired to print in order to spur up those who were not as active as the New York Society and some other Societies in this good work. Now, I undertake to say, Mr. President General, that if this resolution is passed and lived up to and all got out of it that it is possible to get out of it, it will incite the various State Societies to a more constant labor from time to time in this good work, than it would be possible to do unless they have some such stirring up from time to time. I say all this, not because I am anxious to do more work, but I am anxious for the growth of this organization. The growth of this organization can be increased by just so much as you develop the patriotic spirit among the State Societies, and anything that will do that will do good to this Association; and what is more, it will do good in developing the patriotic sentiment throughout this great country, and that is what we are organized for. (Applause.) I hope this resolution will be passed.

The resolution was adopted.

MR. WHITEHEAD (New Jersey): The formation of Chapters in the different States is a matter of considerable importance. We find it so in New Jersey, and I understand that there are other State Societies where they also find it a matter of importance. It strikes me, sir, that each Chapter organized in these different State Societies should have a charter of the same character, so that all of the Chapters in the different State organizations should be working together, and under the same conditions and under the same restrictions. I therefore move you, sir, that a committee of three be appointed by the President General, who shall prepare a charter for Chapters organized in the different State Societies, and recommend the adoption of that charter to the different State organizations. That is not exactly, Mr. Secretary General, as I would like to make it.

MR. BRECKINRIDGE (District of Columbia): Might I say one word on the resolution that was passed a while ago? I did not wish to say it in advance, because it is exactly in the line that we thought we were working in. I am quite surprised to find that apparently we are not. But we passed a resolution years ago exactly that way. As far as our Society is concerned, we thought that all of our matter was being printed; that it was being circulated through all the other Societies, and we know that it has been sufficiently circulated for a certain similarity to be pervading among some of the Societies; and a certain answer, therefore, is required in the matter of practical business, that we shall know if they don't reach the different Societies. It happens at this Congress that neither our President nor our Secretary is here, so that I cannot give the absolute information I would like to. But of this I feel quite positive, that almost that identical idea was adopted years ago, and that our Society in the District of Columbia thinks we are doing something. If we are not doing it in New York, we should take pains to see that we get it there.

A DELEGATE from District of Columbia: I don't understand the resolution that Mr. WHITEHEAD has just offered. If I understand it correctly, I think his resolution would cause an interference on the part of the General Congress with

the State Chapters. As I understand, what he is driving at is to reach the various Chapters which have been started, for instance, in the State of Connecticut, and some other States, under the State Charter. Am I correct in that?

MR. WHITEHEAD: Under the State Society. I was quite careful—permit me to interrupt you—not to make it incumbent upon the chapters to use this, but that the committee should recommend it for use.

A DELEGATE from District of Columbia: But, Mr. President, I would suggest this, that if you are going to pass a resolution of that kind, so as to avoid any conflict at all, that resolution should be so worded as to direct State Societies which are the immediate constituents of the General Congress, to issue these charters to their Chapters in their various jurisdictions. Unless you do that and introduce a resolution requiring these charters to come from the General Congress you are apt to create a conflict.

MR. CUTLER (New York): I think it does not come within the province of the National Association to deal with the question of Chapters. I agree with the gentleman who has just spoken that the resolution should take the form of a resolution of suggesting to States that they make this suggestion to their Chapters. Chapters are creatures or divisions of a State Society, and do not fall immediately within the National Society.

MR. HUBBELL (New Jersey): The idea of Mr. WHITEHEAD's motion, I think, Mr. President, is to have a form which each State Society shall issue to these different Chapters, so that the form may be alike in all the different State Societies. For instance, we have in New Jersey the Elizabeth Chapter with one charter. I wrote to Connecticut and they said that they did not have any form, and I wrote to Mr. HALL in New York, and he has not answered my letter at all. Now, we want some form that can be used by all the different Societies for a charter of the different Chapters. It is nothing; it is not taking away any rights from the State at all; it is merely a form that can be used, if they wish it, but some form that can be used by the different State Societies for Chapters.

MR. MURPHY (Secretary General): Mr. President General, the member from the District of Columbia is entirely correct. This body, I undertake to say, has no more right to prescribe what form of constitution a Chapter will adopt than it has to say to a State Society what form of a constitution a State shall adopt. But if I understand this resolution of the President of the New Jersey Society, it is that this committee may be appointed by the President General in order that a certain practical form for the organization of Chapters may be adopted by this committee that will be a working form, so that when the Secretary General is inquired of, as he sometimes is by the Secretaries of various State Societies, as to what is the order of procedure in the formation of a State Chapter, he may have such a form to assist such a State Society in organizing Chapters, and it shall be left to them to say whether that form is satisfactory or not. It is simply in the line of helpfulness in the organization of the Chapters.

A DELEGATE (District of Columbia): Read it again.

MR. BRECKINRIDGE (District of Columbia): We have found exactly that trouble, and we would like to help just exactly that idea if possible. In Missouri at present it is the same way. We have written to New York to get their forms,

New Jersey to get their forms, and there is a great deal of uncertainty—it is just so in New Jersey—of getting responses in time. There can be no harm from it in the world. It is exactly what we need.

DELEGATES: Read the resolution.

MR. WHITEHEAD (New Jersey): The resolution is requested to be read.

THE PRESIDENT: The Secretary General will read the resolution.

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed by the President General who shall prepare a form for a charter for Chapters to be organized in the different State Societies, and that the form thus prepared shall be recommended to the various State Societies for use in organizing Chapters, and that the Secretary General shall furnish copies of such form on request.

MR. WHITEHEAD (New Jersey): That handwriting was more legible than I supposed.

The resolution was adopted.

The President General, in accordance with the foregoing resolution, subsequently appointed the following committee:

COMMITTEE ON FORM OF CHAPTERS.

JOHN WHITEHEAD, of Morristown; HENRY HALL, of New York; J. WARREN CUTLER, of Rochester.

MR. DEMING (Past President General): I have a resolution that I would like to offer. We have been offering and acting upon resolutions of a general character; I have a resolution of more special character. I believe one of the principles of this organization is to perpetuate the names of the men who were engaged in its foundation, especially those who held office. For that purpose I offer this resolution:

WHEREAS: GAINS PADDOCK, ESQ., of St. Louis, Mo., was the first Treasurer of the National Society of the SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, having been elected to that position at the meeting held in Fraunces' Tavern in the City of New York on the 30th day of April, 1889; therefore,

Resolved, That GAINS PADDOCK be recognized as a Treasurer General of the National Society SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, and that his name be placed on the records in the list of Past General Officers.

I move the adoption of the resolution.

The motion was seconded, and the resolution was adopted.

THE PRESIDENT: New business is now in order.

MR. SUMNER (Minnesota): Mr. President General, I have a resolution which the Minnesota Society desires to have introduced at the proper time. As I have not seen the order of business, I rise to ask for information.

THE PRESIDENT: It will be perfectly in order now.

MR. SUMNER (Minnesota): I did not know whether it would. The resolution is this:

Resolved, That upon the invitation of the Minnesota Society of the SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, the next annual Congress of the National Society of the SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION be held in the City of St. Paul, Minn.

If it will be in order to remark, before that resolution is seconded—

The resolution was seconded.

MR. SUMNER (Minnesota): I simply desire to say, Mr. President, as instructed by the Minnesota Society, that this resolution is introduced in order that the Society may put itself upon record as an organization that abides by its contracts and keep its promises. That, I take for granted, is so. What I mean by that is this: at the Convention held some years ago at Hartford, Conn., the National Society promised by resolution that when the Minnesota Society should have a membership of three hundred, this Society should hold an annual Congress in St. Paul, Minn. I am directed to say, gentlemen, that upon the faith and credit of that resolution, the Minnesota Society went to work and they have been at work ever since. They have now a membership of 375, and their part of the contract is fulfilled, and they instruct me to call upon you now to fulfill your part. I do not know, Mr. President General, of but one practical and possible objection to holding a Convention in St. Paul. That is the distance, and that is in reality overcome by the holding of this Convention a few years ago in Chicago. St. Paul is simply a night's sleep from there. I am instructed to say further, Mr. President, that if there is anything this Society wants, except free transportation to St. Paul and back, it can have it now if it will send its Convention to St. Paul. I am instructed to say further, that as the Society in that State is made up in a large part of people from Minneapolis, no sectional differences in the matter are to be thrown as a firebrand into this Convention, that this is an invitation both from Minneapolis and St. Paul. (Applause.) I am instructed further, sir, to say that if any man in this Congress has any doubt as to what the Minnesota Society of the SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION can do when they start to do it, he is to appeal to two men—one man is CHAUNCEY M. DEPEW and the other man is the President General of this Society. When those two men were at the Republican Convention in Minneapolis, the Minnesota Society took the occasion to tender a banquet to them and everybody else who could get in, and they did it, and I am quite sure that General PORTER will bear me out in saying that never was one done better or with more satisfaction. Now, pleasantry aside, gentlemen, and just to be serious for a moment, this is a matter of exceeding importance to the Minnesota Society. They ask me to urge it here in every way that is reasonable and legitimate and right, and I propose to keep on doing it. I understand, Mr. President, that such a resolution is properly referred to the Board of Managers, to be acted upon by them, and that being so, gentlemen, I ask that you will second and see carried the motion that I now propose, namely, that this resolution be so referred to that Board of Managers, with a recommendation that it be adopted. (Laughter and applause.) Now, if you want I should go any further in behalf of the Minnesota Society, I am ready and willing to do it, but you simply must come in that part of the world and be taken care of next year. The inhabitants will sell

you corner lots if they cannot do anything else with you, and I know, seriously, that they will take the very best care of the Society, and that you will confer a great honor both upon them and also upon yourself. A Society in a State practically upon the frontier when this Society was started which can do, upon the faith of your promise, what it has done, has a right to call upon you to toe the mark squarely and ask you to obey your contract with them, and so I beg to introduce this resolution and I move its reference to the Board of Managers, with the recommendation that it be adopted.

THE PRESIDENT: Gentlemen, you have heard the resolution in the form, really, of an invitation. The President General is abundantly able to testify, judging from his own experience, of the unmeasured hospitality of St. Paul. Three years ago, at that memorable banquet there, I think all the guests felt during that evening that any man who was not in St. Paul was simply camping out. Under the Constitution, as Mr. SUMNER has said, the authority as to the time and place of the annual meeting is given to the Board of Managers. Now, this resolution is to refer this request, this invitation, to the Board of Managers with a recommendation from the Convention. Are you ready for the question? Those in favor of the resolution will say aye; those opposed, no. The ayes have it. The resolution is adopted. (Applause.)

MR. BRECKINRIDGE (District of Columbia): May I ask if there is any regular way in which we can take any note of the meeting next year, of our triennial conclave. The President General has, in his own remarks, referred to it, and, as I understand, the time comes up again. I think, as we had the last one out in Chicago, we should have the next one in St. Paul. We will have a very fine contrast of how the Westerners do in playing see-saw in two ends of those States.

THE PRESIDENT: It will be perfectly in order to move that the annual conclave take place at the same place as the annual convention.

MR. BRECKINRIDGE (District of Columbia): I make that motion, then.

THE PRESIDENT: It is moved and seconded that the triennial conclave take place at the same time and place as the next meeting of the Convention.

The motion was adopted.

MR. CLARK (Michigan): Mr. President General, in behalf of the Francis Key Monument Association, I desire to present before you a communication which they have prepared, which has been addressed to this body, and I will read the appeal which is made to you with referencce to some expression of your approval of the undertaking which they have in hand to commemorate the name and the service of one who has written in song what we all feel towards the great symbol of our national union, our flag. Their communication is in these words:

FREDERICK, Md., April 27, 1895.

To the Sons of the American Revolution in National Assembly at Boston, Mass.:

We beg leave to present for your consideration an appeal in behalf of our patriotic movement to erect a monument to the memory of FRANCIS SCOTT KEY, and earnestly urge your prompt and favorable action thereon.

Our Association was organized last summer, and duly incorporated in August, 1894, under the laws of Maryland. It has raised so far about $2,000 for the object it has in view. We believe, however, that FRANCIS SCOTT KEY, whose hymn, "The Star Spangled Banner," is national in character, and has been the inspiration for thousands of heroic deeds, should be honored by his countrymen generally, and that all should be given an opportunity to contribute to the fund for his monument.

It does not seem to be generally known that the remains of FRANCIS SCOTT KEY, removed some years ago from Greenmount Cemetery, Baltimore, to this city, now lie beneath the soil of his native county, with nothing to mark their resting place except a plain head and foot stone. The ungrateful neglect in which his grave has been left by his countrymen is due, perhaps, not so much to lack of patriotism, as to the fact that thousands are not aware of our movement, and have not been asked for contributions to our fund.

As especially appropriate to the day and in keeping with its spirit, we have selected National Flag Day, June 14th next, as a time when the children all over the land, and all patriotic citizens generally, should forward contributions to our fund. His Excellency, the Governor of our State, has consented to send an appeal of this character to the Governors of all the States, and we have taken other means to reach the thousands whom we believe would be glad to give for this cause. We have faith that your splendid organization, designed as it is for the perpetuation of the spirit of patriotism, that led to deeds of valor and heroism in the past, can be of great assistance to us in our work of honoring the memory of one, who, in a grand burst of lyric melody, expressed that love for country and reverence for its starry flag that have occurred with passionate vehemence in the bosoms of all who have ever listened to his fine anthem. By endorsing our movement in your present assembly and asking all your State Societies to aid us, you could assist us in reaching thousands to whom we otherwise might not be able to make so direct an appeal.

We earnestly appeal to you, therefore, to give our movement the force of your endorsement and approval, and grant us all the assistance which to you may seem available. All funds received are deposited in different banks and carefully protected from misuse ; the names of all contributors will be placed in the crypt of the monument, and afterward published in a pamphlet; eminent sculptors will be invited to submit designs, and a selection will be made with due regard to the national character of the memorial. We want a fund of at least $100,000.

Very respectfully,

THE KEY MONUMENT ASSOCIATION.

F. C. MCKINSEY,

Secretary.

And in connection with this I will offer, sir, the following resolution:

Resolved, That this Society put upon their records their approval of the efforts to place an appropriate monument upon the grave of Francis Scott Key by the Key Monument Association, and hereby urge its members and others to help this praiseworthy undertaking.

I offer this as the resolution.

MR. GRIFFITH (Maryland): Mr. President, may I ask the gentleman a question? How did that circular come to you?

MR. CLARK (Michigan): It came to me in this way: In the September number of the *Spirit of '76*, I saw an announcement of this undertaking, and when I read that announcement my heart at that time beat with enthusiasm for this undertaking so far as it was brought to my attention in the *Spirit of '76*. And when I came into this meeting to-day and I found that the approval of this Congress here would be asked for this, and was asked by a representative of this association to bring it to the attention of those who were present, I felt justified in presenting this communication and the resolution which I offer.

MR. GRIFFITH (Maryland): One question more, if you please. What State are you from?

MR. CLARK (Michigan): I am from the State of Michigan.

MR. GRIFFITH (Maryland): Mr. President, it seems strange to me that the Maryland delegation are not asked to present this thing here, and it seems to me it is far better for those gentlemen and ladies to wake up to the fact that this Society is engaged at the present time in erecting a large monument in Baltimore City to the patriots of Maryland, who made the country and made the flag. And yet, on my visit to Frederick, I was unable to get one dollar of subscription from anybody in Frederick County. I think the people of Frederick had better let us build the Revolutionary monument first. Then we will all join hands in building the other one to SCOTT KEY. He wrote a song about The Star Spangled Banner, but the work that our Society is engaged in is in honor of the men who made the country and made the flag both. Let them aid us first.

MR. BREARLEY (New York): Mr. President General, I am reluctant in being led into any participation in the discussion this afternoon, and did not think it would be necessary, until I find that by this query there is need of some reply at this point. The article that was published in the paper that I am connected with, last September attracted the attention of some of the people of Frederick City—to be explicit, of the mother of a lady very prominent in the MOTHERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, Mothers in New York City—a Mrs. Ritchie, of Frederick City, and she came to my office to talk with me in regard to it. The result of it was some suggestions which seemed to be helpful, and which were adopted by the Committee and the Association in the City of Frederick. They called, about ten days ago, upon the Governor of Maryland, who received them with extreme cordiality, and immediately acceded to their request, and has already sent to the Governor of every other State the message which is printed and has been distributed this afternoon. That action being so high, and the testimony so forceful and dignified, they felt justified in taking one additional step, merely to bring it to the attention of this body, from whom they expected certainly some little word of cheer. They asked no contribution. They ask you nothing in the way of even a recommendation to the Societies, merely an expression of approval and of sympathy. That, I think, may well be accorded, and without any violence to any other very worthy enterprise. Those enterprises that our brother from Maryland has championed so well, are worthy of all attention. I, for one, have done my utmost to favor and co-operate with him in that work. I know that he has the sympathy of the gentlemen from Michigan and from New York in his work. But certainly this cannot—I don't see how it is possible that it can—detract from the work that he has undertaken. Personally, I have the utmost sympathy and interest in anything that shall

do honor to the author of the Star Spangled Banner. He lies at present in a grave that is unmarked except by a flagstaff; we propose now to go ahead and complete the work.

MR. CLARK (Michigan): Mr. President General. May I answer a question? I have been asked, Mr. Chairman, whence I came. I represent in this body the Society of Michigan. I am entitled to my seat in this body because I am a son of a soldier of Massachusetts, and not only a son of a soldier of Massachusetts in the Revolutionary War, but am also entitled to a seat here because I am a great great grandson of a soldier who fought in the Colony of Virginia. And I came from the city—my mother was born in the city of Baltimore, Maryland. I represent not a district; I represent a country. I represent a country that honors as its emblem the Star Spangled Banner. The memory of the Star Spangled Banner has not only come down to us in the records of history, but has come down to us through the century in a record of song. As song has done much to lift the patriotism of this country and mould this country into oneness of thought and of feeling, so we are indebted to FRANCIS SCOTT KEY for giving us the means by which we can express the very highest emotions which are possible to the human soul, in expressing thought and feeling in song. And so I feel, as the expression of a feeling simply of approval, not that the raising of money here from this section or from that section is asked for, but for the expression of this feeling of patriotism, to justify ourselves from any charge of neglect of the grave of FRANCIS SCOTT KEY, that it becomes us simply here to put upon record a simple approval of an attempt of an association to mark that grave by some permanent memorial of our affection and loyalty to him. For we must remember that he who has sung for us this song, written this song, appealed to the God who sits in the heavens and to the emblems which are there written in the skies of the perpetuity and the immortality of this land in which we live, for these stars of which he sang and these stars which are in our banner are the emblems of that which is imperishable. When those stars die, this nation dies. While these stars live, this nation lives. It will live forever, true to the principles not only of those who fought for this nation but the principles of him who put that thought into song.

"The lily must fade, its petals decay,
The rose from its stalk must sever,
The shamrock and thistle must pass away,
But the stars remain forever." (Applause.)

MR. GRIFFITH (Maryland): Mr. President, that was admirable, but still, at the same time, he confuses the writing of a song about the Star Spangled Banner, with the Star Spangled Banner itself. The proposition is to erect a monument in Frederick City, Maryland, to the man who wrote the song; not to anything in honor of the Star Spangled Banner, but to honor the man who wrote the song. That is a clear statement. Now, sir, the gentleman does not honor the Star Spangled Banner any more than I do. But the moment that we started in Maryland our Revolutionary monument, these monuments sprang up on all sides. Propositions for legislation, sir, were made to the Legislature of Maryland, for monuments to the Mexican Veterans, to Johns Hopkins, to everything. They sprang up around our State until I couldn't tell you how many people they had

proposed to build monuments to. Now, this is a Revolutionary Society, and the Star Spangled Banner was made, and the country made, as I said before, by the Revolutionary Army, and not in the War of 1812, when Mr. SCOTT KEY wrote his song. I said a word or two about my visit to Frederick for contributions in support of the Revolutionary monument; but I did offer, sir, not only to make a good subscription to this SCOTT KEY monument at Frederick City, but volunteered to raise money for them in Baltimore city to help it; so I think my action proved that I am heartily in favor of this thing. But, we being a Revolutionary Society, organized for the purpose of doing honor to the old patriots of the Revolutionary War, who, as I have said already, made the flag and the country both, I do not want to get things so confused in Maryland that they will prevent our success in what we have been embarked in for the last three or four years. I want the gentlemen to understand the question.

The question was called for.

MR. MINER (Virginia): Mr. President, may I say one word? I wish to propose a compromise. Mr. President, it is manifest that though a good recommendation has been made, it will not be unanimous. I knew FRANCIS SCOTT KEY personally. Perhaps I am the only man in the convention that did. I loved him and honored him. I would pay him any amount of honor for that one hymn. Why, Howard Payne was brought here and re-interred, because he wrote "Home, Sweet Home," by the munificence of one American citizen. FRANCIS SCOTT KEY is worthy of more than that. And it is an honor to Michigan to take up the case of a man not from Michigan. I admire that spirit. It is all one country, and FRANCIS SCOTT KEY and the "Star Spangled Banner" ought to be as highly honored in Michigan as in Baltimore, else why are you going to St. Paul, if that isn't so? So I think now the right way is this: As we are a Revolutionary body, as Maryland is moving directly in the Revolutionary line and wants money, don't let us at present interfere, but let us avoid rejecting anything in honor of the author of the "Star Spangled Banner." God forbid that. I therefore respectfully, to avoid that, make the respectful motion to lay it on the table without rejecting it.

The motion was seconded.

THE PRESIDENT: It is moved and seconded that this resolution be laid on the table.

The motion was lost.

MR. WEBSTER (Nebraska): Mr. President, just one word. I am from the West. I have observed, with some little surprise, that there are sections in the East. I only remembered, when I came down here, that one of my forefathers stood with yours on Bunker Hill one day; that he came from New Hampshire. I only remember that, again, he stood at Bennington, and that another was at another battle. I live so far away from the scenes of these heroic efforts that I have never become identified in thought or in feeling with any particular place. When I thought of the Revolution, I thought of the whole seaboard and of the whole country. When I think of this Society, I think of Americanism. I never think of Baltimore, I never think of Portsmouth nor of Boston, but I think of just abstract Americanism and patriotism. (Applause.) I remember the first time

I saw that fort at Baltimore that gave the inspiration for this song, and I can hardly, tell to you, gentlemen, the feelings that swelled through my heart as I looked upon that scene. I felt that it was mine. Although I lived 1,500 miles away, this was mine, and it belonged to me as much as though it had been my playground in boyhood. And when I read, during that great storm down in the Samoan Islands, of the gallant sailors of America, when the waves were lashing over the ship, and when death seemed to be imminent, that the band rang out that immortal song, the "Star Spangled Banner;" O, how it thrilled from one end of this nation to the other, and how every heart must have felt a higher impulse to patriotism and to Americanism! Now, gentlemen, I rose to say just this one thing. We must not be sectional. We must not be Bostonians, we must not be New Hampshire men or Virginia men or Marylanders; we must all be Americans, and there is only one way in which we can do this, and that is never to interfere with the work of our local organizations. I understand here to-day that the Maryland Society of this organization has a work which it is endeavoring to carry out. Can we not, as a National Society, trust the brethren in Maryland, the Compatriots there, to carry on this work. Are they not as patriotic as we are? And may we not here to day be doing something wrong? While our impulses are all right, and while our desires would be to honor the man, and no one can honor him more than I, whose inspiration gave us this song, may we not be hurting SCOTT KEY? May we not, by pledging ourselves to this enterprise, hinder another, and thus make a failure of both? I do not believe, while I think the gentleman from Michigan was actuated by the noblest impulses and by the highest patriotism, I do not believe that any resolution should come into this body from a particular place in regard to a particular thing which, perhaps, has been under consideration of a local Society, I do not believe it should come in here except through that local Society. Then we would avoid all sectionalism. (Applause.)

MR. BUTTERFIELD (District of Columbia): Mr. President, I move you, sir, as a substitute, that we refer the whole matter to the Maryland Society, with the unbounded trust that they will take that proper action which has been demonstrated by their patriotic course in the past.

MR. CLARK (Michigan): I will accept that, Mr. Chairman.

The substitute, as accepted, was adopted.

MR. BARRETT (Massachusetts): Mr. President, I move, sir, that we go into election of officers, and that nominations be made from the floor, without speeches.

The motion was seconded and adopted.

THE PRESIDENT: It is carried. We will now proceed to the election of the officers. Nominations will be in order.

The following gentlemen were then elected officers of the National Society for the ensuing year:

President General, GEN. HORACE PORTER, LL.D.

Vice Presidents General, GEN. J. C. BRECKINRIDGE, U.S.A., Washington, City; COL. THOMAS M. ANDERSON, U.S.A., Vancouver Barracks, Washington; EDWIN S. BARRETT, Concord, Mass; JOHN WHITEHEAD, Morristown, N. J.; SENATOR CUSHMAN K. DAVIS, St. Paul, Minn.

Secretary General, FRANKLIN MURPHY, . Newark, N. J.

Treasurer General, C. W. HASKINS, . . New York City.

Registrar General, A. HOWARD CLARK, . Washington.

Historian General, HENRY HALL, . . New York City.

Chaplain General, RT. REV. CHARLES E. CHENEY, Chicago.

During the election for President General, the Secretary General was requested to take the chair. Upon resuming the chair the President General spoke as follows:

Compatriots, I will not reward your kindness by detaining you with any extended remarks at this late hour of the day, but I should be a very ungrateful person if I did not take this, the earliest opportunity, of expressing to you those feelings which are uppermost in my heart, those expressions of acknowledgment and feelings of appreciation and gratitude for this renewed mark of your esteem. If that had been a first election, I should feel very proud of it. After serving for some time in this capacity I feel doubly proud, over the fact that I think you will permit me to interpret it as in some measure an approval of my official acts. (Applause.) I can do scarcely anything, comparatively speaking, in return for this consideration on your part; but I will again pledge you that all the experience which I may have acquired or acquire in the future, all the energies that I possess or may be able to acquire, will be devoted to the sole purpose of upholding the dignity, the honor, and promoting the success of this, the grandest of all American patriotic Societies. (Great applause.)

MR. MURPHY (Secretary General): I think, perhaps, I ought to ask permission to read a portion of a letter which I have received from Bishop CHENEY, who, I know, would have been very glad to have been with us if it had been possible for him to do so. With your permission, sir, I will take about two minutes to read what he says:

"I am deeply regretful that it will be absolutely out of my power to go to Boston for May 1st. At this season of the year I am under many engagements for official visitation of the scattered parishes under my episcopal care, from the eastern part of Ohio to the central portion of Iowa. But in spite of these duties, I should certainly not lose the pleasure of so historic a meeting as will be that in the Old South Church, were it not that a couple of perverse young people whom I

have known from their babyhood, are to be married on the evening of April 30th, and will neither change the appointment, nor consent that any other clergyman shall perform the ceremony. No trains have yet been discovered that will enable me to leave here after that wedding and reach Boston in time for the meeting of the Congress. Hence I am obliged to submit. I trust that the Congress may be the best gathering in its stimulus to patriotism that we have had."

The following letter from the President of the District of Columbia Society, was upon motion of a member of that Society, read by Dr. CHILDS for the information of the Congress.

WASHINGTON, APRIL 29th, 1895.

Rev. T. S. Childs, D.D.

MY DEAR SIR: I was elected Registrar General of the National Society at the second annual meeting in 1891.

I found after the archives had come into my hands, that my predecessor had exercised great care in the giving out of certificates of membership, and that out of all the names at that time on the lists—perhaps about four thousand—not more than fifteen hundred had been admitted to full membership, and that to those Societies in the West, which may have been carelessly organized, no certificates whatever had been issued.

At the first meeting of the National Board of Management which I attended, I announced it to be my policy that I should issue no certificates except to persons whose papers were in every respect above suspicion, and my determination was approved by the National Board, and I was upheld even when an entire State Society was held up—and this happened in the case of several States. Indeed, a number of the State Societies which were organized in this first campaign, have been entirely dropped, owing to the fact that their papers were never made satisfactory, and a number of others have been entirely reorganized, all the papers first submitted having been canceled and returned.

I held this position for two years. During the latter part of the period, my successor, the present Registrar General, acted as assistant Registrar General, and I am satisfied that he has ever since carried out the same strict rules of action, and that there is not a man out of the fifty-eight hundred and seventy-eight whose papers have been officially approved, whose papers would not afford indisputable proof of his eligibility to membership. There is no question that the roll of membership has been guarded with the utmost conscientiousness and vigilance, and that the applications from the newer portions of the country have been subjected to the same critical examination as those from the thirteen original States.

The system adopted by our organization is a better and safer one than that of the Society of the Sons of the Revolution. I do not suppose that many members of either Society appreciate the difference. The other Society does not require applications to pass through the hands of one national officer, but the admissions are placed in the hands of the State Societies, and the lists of the several State Societies are accepted without comment or criticism, and combine to make up the list of members in the National Society. This system is a bad one, and I have not the slightest doubt that if their papers were subjected to critical examina-

tion by a competent genealogist and historian, as they have been in the case of our organization, very many of them would be found imperfect.

It is impossible to find in every State of the Union, a competent man who has leisure to undertake the duties of Registrar, and were it possible, most State Registrars would find it very difficult to surround themselves with the works of reference which are necessary to enable them to make thorough examinations of credentials.

Furthermore, the pressure of personal influence upon a local official is very much stronger and more potent than it can be in the case of a national officer. Having myself examined thousands of papers sent in by State Registrars, I know whereof I speak. I have in mind the case of one State Society, organized in 1891, where some forty papers were submitted to us. More than half of these were rejected, and no charter for organization was issued to this State until the requisite number of acceptable candidates could prove their claims. The organization of this Society was delayed several months, notwithstanding bitter complaints on the part of the suspended applicants.

Having examined the year books of some of the Societies of the Sons of the Revolution, I am satisfied from the incomplete manner in which the records of individuals are given, that the work of their State Registrars is not thoroughly done, and that some men are on their lists upon the strength of statements which would not admit them to our organization.

The system, then, of the other organizations is far inferior to our own; for a single national official, with a good reference library at his hand, and with a series of several thousand membership papers, all readily accessible by means of indexes, is able to carry out a consistent policy, which, on the other plan is impracticable.

I would only refer, in passing, to the oft repeated statement that our organization is less exacting in its requirements of admission, and that collateral descendands of Revolutionary patriots are admitted by us. This is not true, but it is undoubtedly a fact that collaterals are admitted *to the other organization*, and that a considerable number of names of this class are printed on the list of the New York Society, Sons of the Revolution, and other State Societies, as well as New York, have provisions in their Constitutions admitting collaterals, though this fact is not generally known by the members of that organization. A resolution passed at the last meeting of the National Society of the Sons of the Revolution in Boston, declared that certain State Societies admitted collaterals without the authority of the National Constitution—a clear admission of the fact that the national officers have practically no control over the action of the State organizations in the admission of members.

I have spoken of these matters simply for the information of members of our organization, not with any purpose of detracting from the merits of the other Society, but simply that the truth may known and that our men may not be made uncomfortable by the unjustifiable misrepresentations which have been made.

Yours faithfully.

G. BROWN GOODE.

President District of Columbia Society, Sons of the American Revolution.

On motion of Mr. DEMING, Past President General, the paper as read by Dr. CHILDS was referred to the Executive Committee with the request that it be printed in the report of the proceedings of the Congress.

MR. GRIFFITH (Maryland): I would like to ask a single question. Where are the papers of our Society kept in Washington?

A DELEGATE (District of Columbia): They are kept in the Smithsonian Institution. I would like to ask Mr. CLARK, who is the present Registrar General, to answer that question a little more fully, where the records of our National Society are kept.

MR. CLARK (Registrar General): In the Smithsonian Institution at Washington.

MR. GRIFFITH (Maryland): Then Dr. GOODE has access to all these papers.

MR. CLARK (Registrar General): Yes.

MR. GRIFFITH (Maryland): I just want to draw that fact out, sir, that he is custodian.

MR. CLARK (Registrar General): Dr. GOODE is the Assistant Secretary of the Smithsonian.

MR. WHITEHEAD (New Jersey): This is about the only opportunity that we can have to express our appreciation of the magnificent reception that we have received from the Massachusetts Society to-day, and the anticipation of the good things that are to come. I move you, therefore, sir, that we tender our sincere and hearty thanks to the President and to the Committee of Reception and to the members generally of the Massachusetts Society for their kindness and their hospitality.

The motion was seconded.

THE PRESIDENT: Those in favor of its adoption will say aye. The Chair will not put the noes. It is carried.

MR. WHITEHEAD (New Jersey): Mr. President General, I offer this resolution:

Resolved, That the President General, the Secretary General, the Treasurer General and the Registrar General be a committee with power to print in alphabetical order a lineage book of the entire membership of THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION; the book to be issued by authority and under the auspices of the Society, provided that the necessary expense of such publication be raised by subscription and not be charged to the Society treasury unless hereafter authorized.

MR. BARRETT (Massachusetts): Gentlemen, I will call your attention to the excursion to Lexington and Concord to-morrow. You are hereby ordered and warned to appear at the Union station, on Causeway street, north side of Boston, to-morrow morning at ten o'clock, sharp. Fail not to appear with your wives and sweethearts. (Applause.)

I now, Mr. President General, move that this Congress adjourn.

The motion was seconded, adopted and the Sixth Congress of the National Society of the SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION adjourned without day.

A BANQUET AT THE VENDOME.

In the evening, the members of the Congress were the guests of the Massachusetts Society at the Vendome, a hotel of reputation, located on Commonwealth Avenue, which is certainly one of the most beautiful of the residence streets in Boston. After a reception in the parlors of the hotel, more than 250 SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION marched to a dining hall adorned with flags, colors and flowers, took their seats at the tables, and enjoyed a repast of marked excellence. An orchestra played selections of a patriotic character.

The Hon. EDWIN S. BARRETT presided, and after the dinner introduced the several speakers with a few witty, apposite and epigrammatic remarks in each case.

The Hon. WINSLOW WARREN, Collector of the Port, responded to the first toast, "The President of the United States." After a brief and judicious eulogy of the President and of that which his office represents, Mr. WARREN discoursed at some length upon the growth and significance of American institutions. One of the favorite speakers of Boston, Mr. WARREN entertained the company greatly and was enthusiastically applauded.

The next speaker was the Hon. FREDERICK T. GREENHALGE, Governor of the State, an excellent after dinner orator, who was present as a guest, with four of his military aides, the latter in uniform and most, if not all of them, SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION. The Governor of Massachusetts is believed to be the only official of his class in the Union, who, by special statute, bears the title of "His Excellency." Gov. GREENHALGE responded to the toast of his State in a stirring, well considered and effective address, which won frequent applause and a round of cheers.

When Gen. HORACE PORTER, President General of the SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, rose to speak for the National Society, he was honored with cheers, which were repeated at the close of his remarks.

Speeches followed by Gen. JOSEPH C. BRECKINRIDGE, U. S. A.; Prof. LEIGHTON of Missouri, and Hon. JOHN WHITEHEAD of New Jersey, and the assembly dispersed at midnight.

A TRIP TO THE BATTLE FIELDS.

Thursday was devoted to an excursion to the battle fields of Lexington and Concord. The delegates met at Union Station at 10 A. M., and disembarked from the railroad train half an hour later at Lexington. Favored by faultless weather and led by President BARRETT, the company slowly passed from one point of interest to another in the quaint old town. They stopped in front of the old house, which sheltered Hancock and Adams, the night of the Lexington alarm, spent half an hour in the old Town Hall and museum of relics, and lingered long upon the green from which Pitcairn's 600 British troops, coming around both sides of the church, drove off the 70 minute men there assembled to withstand them. At every point during the ramble, explanations were made by President BARRETT and the Rev. C. A. STAPLES, who also responded to a multitude of questions asked by interested visitors.

A special train then bore the party to Concord, a few miles away, where they spent the whole afternoon. Every foot of ground in Concord is historic, and many buildings were visited, which looked down upon the historic battle of more than a century ago. In the clapboards of one old house, then used for the storage of the very supplies which the British had come to destroy, a bullet hole was seen, fired the day of the battle of Concord. Wright's Tavern, where Pitcairn called for brandy, and stirred the liquor with his finger, as he said he would stir the blood of the Yankees before night, is yet standing, although, in consequence of the local laws,

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